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BECAUSE WE CAN'T
TELL WHICH ONE OF YOU
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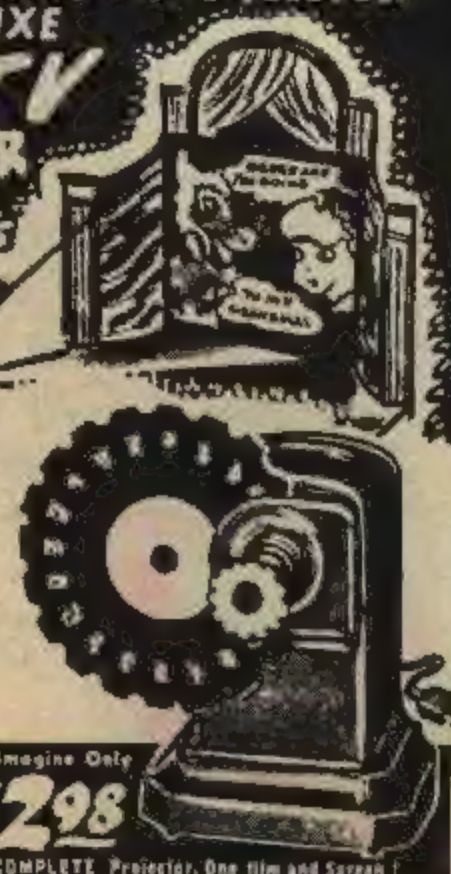
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ADAPT TO THIS DEADLY
WORLD, CAPTAIN COMET!

AM I SEEING THINGS? THAT MAN
LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE ME--IT'S
LIKE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR!

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ONE DAY AS ADAM BLAKE, LIBRARIAN, READS HIS MORNING PAPER...



THERE'S NO NAME GIVEN... ONLY A STREET ADDRESS... ACROSS TOWN! WHO COULD HAVE PUT THIS AD IN THE PAPER?



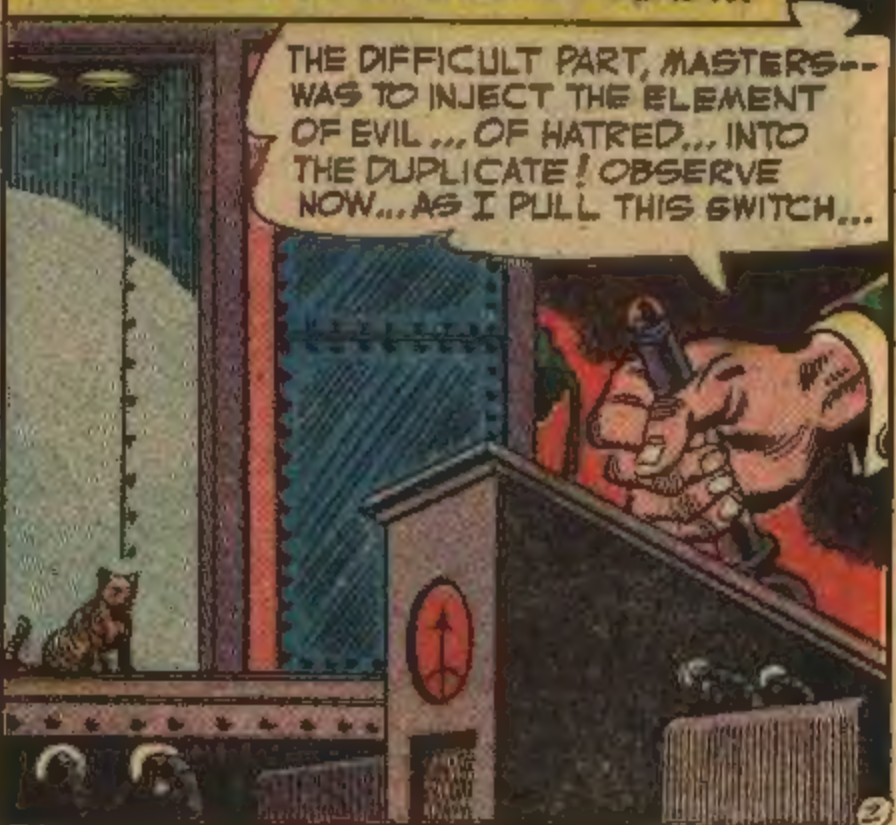
YES, INDEED, WHO? FOR A GLIMPSE INTO THE STARTLING TRUTH BEHIND THE MYSTERIOUS ADVERTISEMENT, LET US PEEK AT THIS MOMENT INTO A CERTAIN, ISOLATED HOUSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDWEST CITY..



... WHERE, BEHIND STEEL SHUTTERS, AN AMAZING CONVERSATION IS TAKING PLACE...



SECONDS LATER... AS A HOUSE CAT IS PLACED ON A SHINING METAL SLAB...





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SUDDENLY... A SECOND CAT APPEARS, THE EXACT COUNTERPART OF THE FIRST...



THAT NOON... AS MILD-APPEARING ADAM BLAKE APPROACHES THE ISOLATED DWELLING AT 221 GROVE AVENUE...

I MUST FIND OUT WHO PUT THAT AD IN THE PAPERS-- BUT APPARENTLY I'VE GOT TO WAIT IN LINE! DOZENS OF MEN HERE ALREADY!



SWIFTLY, ONE BY ONE, THE APPLICANTS ARE EXAMINED AND REJECTED...

SORRY! YOUR FOREARM IS A THIRD OF AN INCH TOO SMALL! YOU WON'T DO!



THEN... AS ADAM, THE LAST MAN IN LINE, IS FINALLY MEASURED...

THIS IS HE!

STEP INTO THE NEXT ROOM, PLEASE, MR. BLAKE! YOU ARE A VERY LUCKY YOUNG MAN! YOU HAVE **PRECISELY** THE SAME PHYSICAL PROPORTIONS OF **CAPTAIN COMET!**



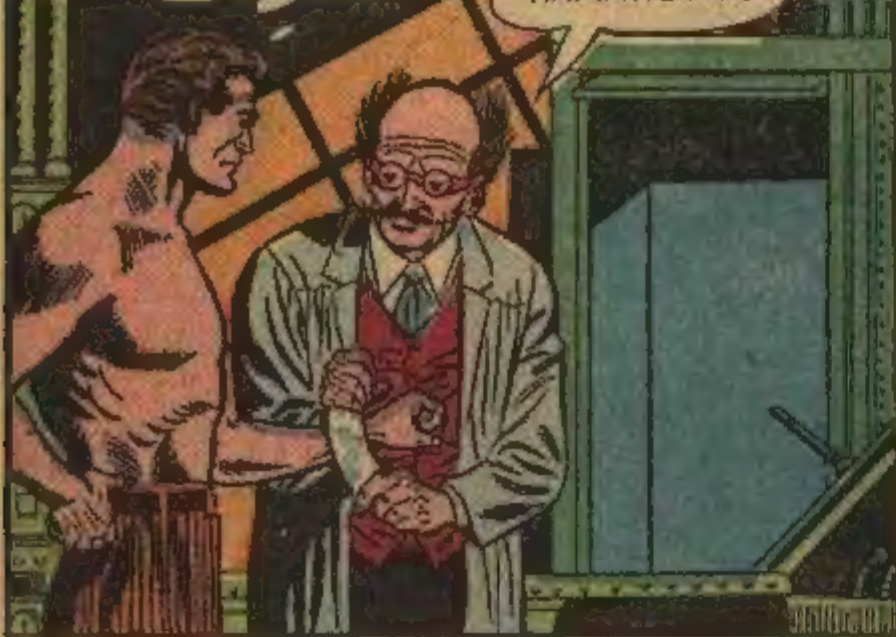
I AM PROFESSOR Z.D. RIN! WITH THIS NEW INVENTION OF MINE, I CAN GIVE YOU THE SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH AND ABILITIES OF **CAPTAIN COMET!** ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY IT?

ER--WHY NOT?



WHETHER THIS WORKS OR NOT, I'LL HAVE COMET'S POWERS--BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT!

THIS METAL WRIST-BAND WILL PROTECT YOU AGAINST ANY HARM FROM THE RADIATION...



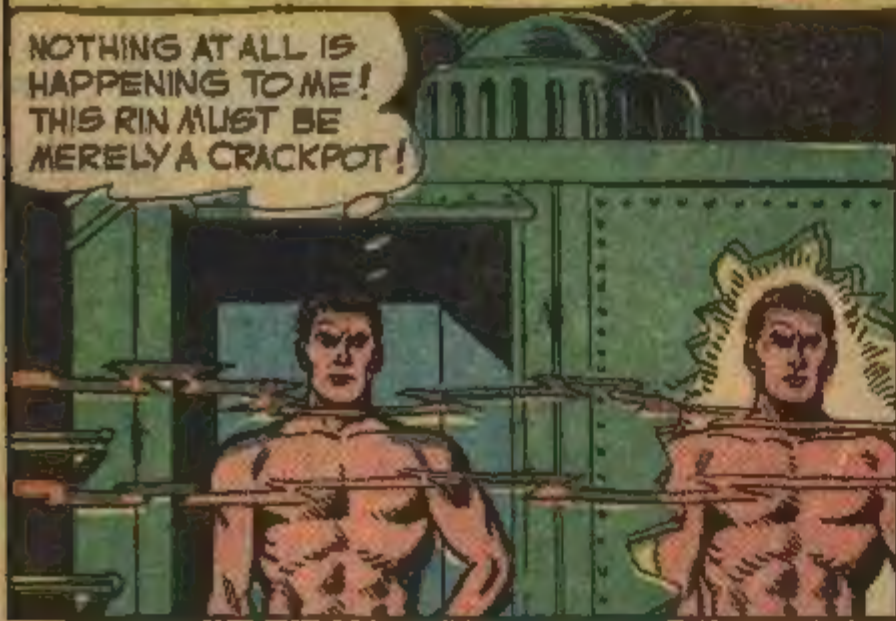
CURIOUS! THIS METAL IS UNFAMILIAR TO ME!

READY? I'M TURNING IT ON!



THE NEXT SECOND, A CASCADE OF UNIQUE ENERGY POURS THROUGH THE MACHINE, CREATING A PERFECT FLESH-AND-BLOOD DOUBLE OF CAPTAIN COMET IN THE NEXT COMPARTMENT...

NOTHING AT ALL IS HAPPENING TO ME! THIS RIN MUST BE MERELY A CRACKPOT!



MOMENTS AFTER... AS ADAM DEPARTS...

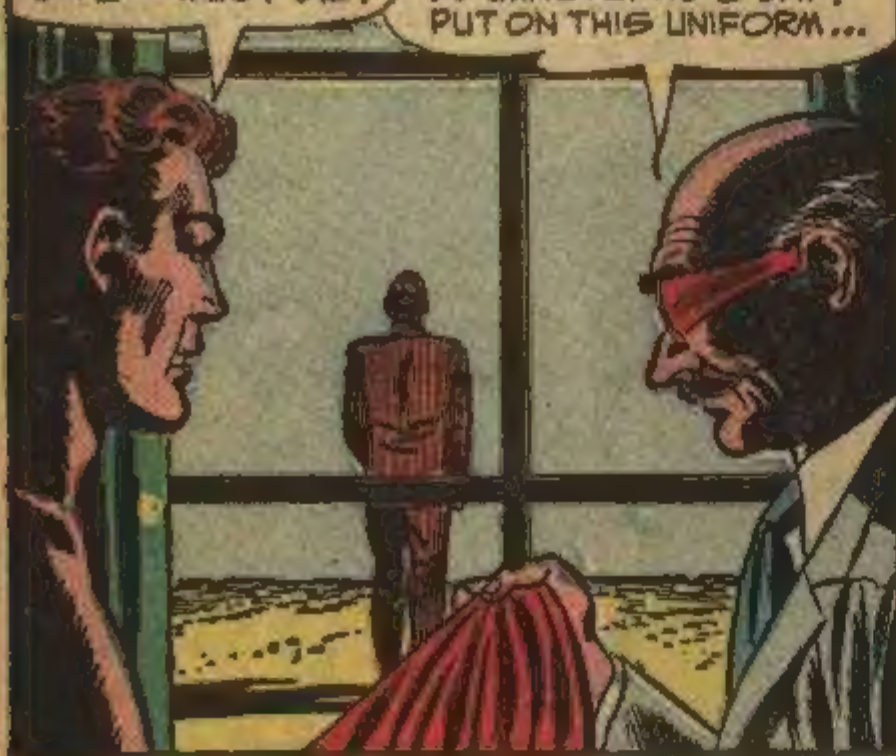
...WASTED MY TIME...

THERE HE GOES! YOUR EXACT DUPLICATE, ADAM BLAKE! YOU ARE ALIKE HIM IN EVERY RESPECT--EXCEPT THAT HE IS FOR LAW AND YOU ARE FOR EVIL!



EITHER HE OR I--MUST DIE!

IT WILL BE HE--IF YOU DO EXACTLY AS I SAY! PUT ON THIS UNIFORM...



AS THE GINISTER COUNTERFEIT OF THE MILD-MANNERED LIBRARIAN OBEYS HIS STRANGE MASTER...

I AM ADAM BLAKE... THEREFORE I AM CAPTAIN COMET, TOO!

YES! BUT YOUR ONE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO DESTROY THE REAL CAPTAIN COMET--WHOM YOU HATE! LISTEN--





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WHAT EVENING... IN PROFESSOR ZACKRO'S HOME, THE FRIEND AND SOLE CONFIDANT OF THE MAN OF DESTINY...

HELLO, COMET! I'M GLAD YOU'RE EARLY TONIGHT! YOU CAN HELP ME SOLVE A LITTLE PROBLEM--

DON'T BOTHER ME... ZACKRO!



I'LL BE BUSY IN THE... COMETEER'S SHED! DON'T DISTURB ME!

C-CAN THAT BE CAPTAIN COMET? I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, AND YET--



AS A HORRID SUSPICION SEIZES THE MAN OF SCIENCE...

COMET WOULD NEVER TREAT ME LIKE THAT! IT MUST BE AN IMPOSTOR! BUT THERE'S ONE WAY I CAN FIND OUT--QUICKLY! THIS GAS...



...IT'S NOT DEADLY! AND IF THAT IS CAPTAIN COMET--HE WON'T EVEN NOTICE IT! BUT IF IT'S ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD, IT WILL RENDER HIM UNCONSCIOUS IN A FEW SECONDS!



UNAFFECTED, THE FIGURE IN THE WORKSHOP CONTINUES TO MOVE ABOUT IN THE INVISIBLE, ODORLESS VAPOR...

IT IS COMET! I--I GUESS HE'S CHANGED! THINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME BETWEEN US-- BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?



AS THE PROFESSOR VANISHES SADLY INTO HIS HOUSE, ANOTHER FIGURE APPEARS IN THE TWILIGHT...

WHO'S IN MY WORKSHOP? IT COULDN'T BE ZACKRO--HE NEVER GOES NEAR THE COMETEER WHEN I'M NOT--HUH??



GREAT GALAXIES! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE METAL BAND STILL ON MY WRIST, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL US APART!



AS THE MAN OF 100,000 A.D. LEAPS SWIFTLY INTO HIS SHIP, ITS STRANGE OCCUPANT PRESSES A BUTTON-- HELD IN A CONCEALED HAND...



AND AN INSTANT LATER... THE COMETEER ARCHES SKYWARD WITH MOUNTING, ROARING SPEED...

WE'VE TAKEN OFF! CAN'T MOVE...!



HA!
HA!

FROZEN FAST IN HIS SEAT BY THE FRIGHTFUL ACCELERATION, THE MAN OF DESTINY SURVEYS HIS FELLOW-PASSENGER...

MY FACE--AND MY MIND! IT'S-- IMPOSSIBLE!!

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, MY DEAR CAPTAIN COMET! NOT EVEN YOUR DESTRUCTION-- ON THE PLANET OF DEATH!



THE... PLANET OF DEATH?

NOTHING CAN PREVENT US FROM ARRIVING THERE! I HAVE SET THE CONTROLS OF THIS SHIP SO NO MORTAL HAND CAN CHANGE THEM UNTIL WE LAND!



CALLING UPON HIS UNIQUE MENTAL FORCE, CAPTAIN COMET HURLS A MIGHTY THUNDER-BOLT AT HIS EVIL COUNTERPART-- ONLY TO FIND...

HIS POWER IS EQUAL TO MINE! I CAN'T TOUCH HIM!

MY MASTER WAS RIGHT! NEITHER OF US CAN HURT EACH OTHER-- DIRECTLY!



A SHORT WHILE LATER... UNDER THE ULTRA-SWIFT, SPECTRUM-DRIVE VELOCITY OF THE COMETEER...

WE'RE COMING DOWN! THIS... MUST BE THE PLANET OF DEATH!

NOTHING CAN LIVE HERE FOR MORE THAN A FEW MOMENTS, CAPTAIN COMET-- AS YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT!





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AS THE SHIP SETTLES ON THE WILD-LOOKING, FORBIDDING TERRAIN...



HE RIGGED AN AUTOMATIC EJECTING DEVICE--TO TRICK ME! I'M GETTING THROWN CLEAR--BUT I MANAGED TO GRAB HIS ARM--SO HE'S COMING WITH ME !!

AHHHH!

LOCKED IN EQUAL GRIPS OF STEEL, THE FALSE AND THE TRUE **CAPTAIN COMET** ROLL OVER AND OVER ON THE WEIRD, LIFELESS LANDSCAPE...



THEN...SUDDENLY...ONE OF THE FIGURES RISES AND STAGGERS TOWARD THE COMETEER...WHILE THE OTHER LIES STILL! BUT WHICH IS THE DEFEATED, WHICH THE VICTOR?



BACK ON EARTH, AS AN EXULTANT **Z D. RIN** MAKES A REPORT TO HIS FAR-OFF SUPERIORS..

BY THIS TIME OUR DUPLICATE HAS ALREADY DESTROYED THE REAL **CAPTAIN COMET**... ON THE PLANET OF DEATH!

CONTACT US AS SOON AS HE RETURNS, **ZDRIN...**



...AND WE SHALL BEGIN THE ONSLAUGHT ON EARTH!



WAIT!

HE'S HERE NOW--HUH??

IT WAS A VERY CUNNING PLOT YOU HATCHED, **ZDRIN...**



IN A FIST OF IRON, THE LITTLE MAN IS LIFTED UP AS IF HE WERE A TOY...

THE EXTRAORDINARY RADIATION ON THE "PLANET OF DEATH" DESTROYED YOUR DUPLICATE OF ME IN SECONDS! IT WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME TOO, BUT FOR ONE THING...





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THIS ODD METAL WRIST BAND--WHICH YOU PUT ON MY WRIST SO THAT YOU COULD TELL ME FROM THE DUPLICATE!--PROTECTED ME FROM THE FATAL RAYS! IT WAS A NATURAL INSULATION AGAINST THE MENACE!

(GULP!) THE ONE POSSIBILITY I DIDN'T FORESEE!

LATER... ON A FAR-OFF WORLD OF ANOTHER GALAXY...

I'M SORRY TO REPORT, MASTERS, THAT--ER--CAPTAIN COMET IS INVINCIBLE!

WE MUST SELECT ANOTHER WORLD TO ATTACK--SOME PLACE THAT DOESN'T HAVE CAPTAIN COMET TO DEFEND IT!

MEANWHILE... BACK IN MIDWEST CITY...

YES, ZDRIN KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY, PROFESSOR--BUT I DOUBT IF HE'LL EVER AGAIN SET FOOT ON EARTH, SO IT HARDLY MATTERS!

WHAT DOES MATTER IS THAT YOU'RE ALIVE AND SAFE, CAPTAIN COMET!

THIS MEMENTO, ZACKRO, WILL REMIND ME THAT I MUST ALWAYS BE ON MY GUARD AGAINST PERIL TO EARTH!

AND I THOUGHT HE HAD CHANGED...

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT CAPTAIN COMET WILL NEVER CHANGE! THAT HE WILL ALWAYS BE BRAVE, KIND AND FEARLESS--

PLEASE, ZACKRO! REMEMBER... I CAN READ YOUR THOUGHTS!

THE END

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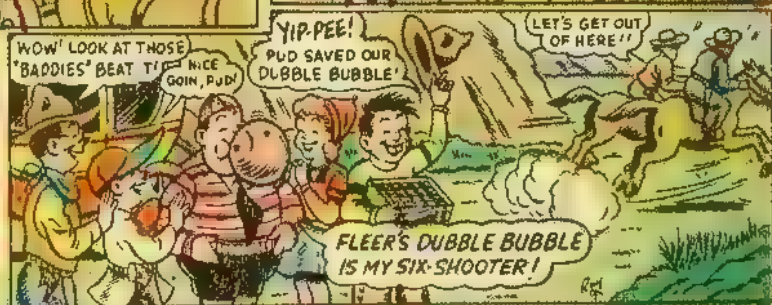
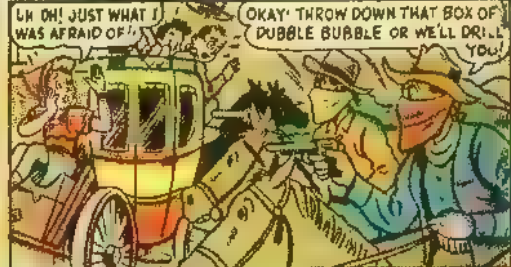
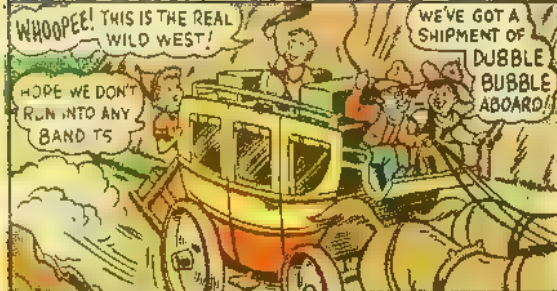
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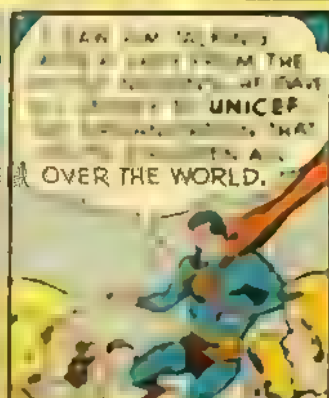
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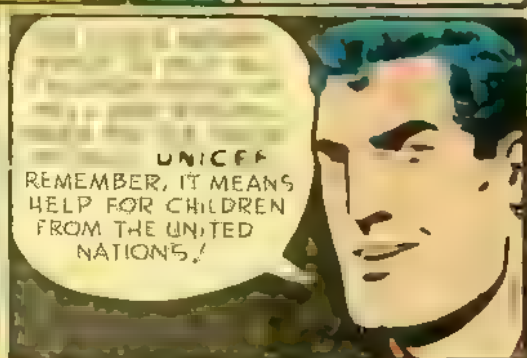
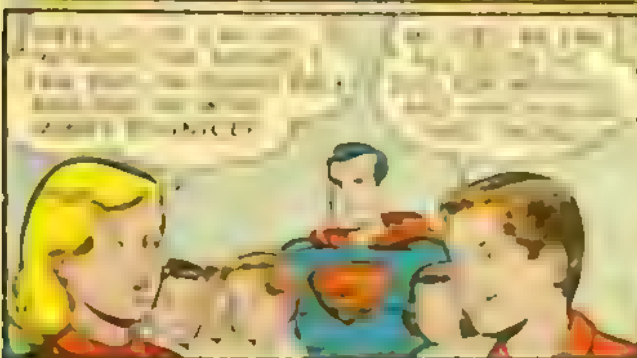
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The FARMERS from SPACE!

STARTLED ASTRONOMERS HAD DETECTED A STRANGE, DESTRUCTIVE PLANT GROWING ON MARS! WITH HORROR THEY WATCHED AS IT SPEEDILY DEVoured THE PLANET-- UNTIL THEY SUDDENLY REALIZED THE SAME MA- LIGNANT GROWTH HAD APPEARED ON THIS WORLD TOO! WAS EARTH EARMARKED FOR DESTRUCTION NEXT?



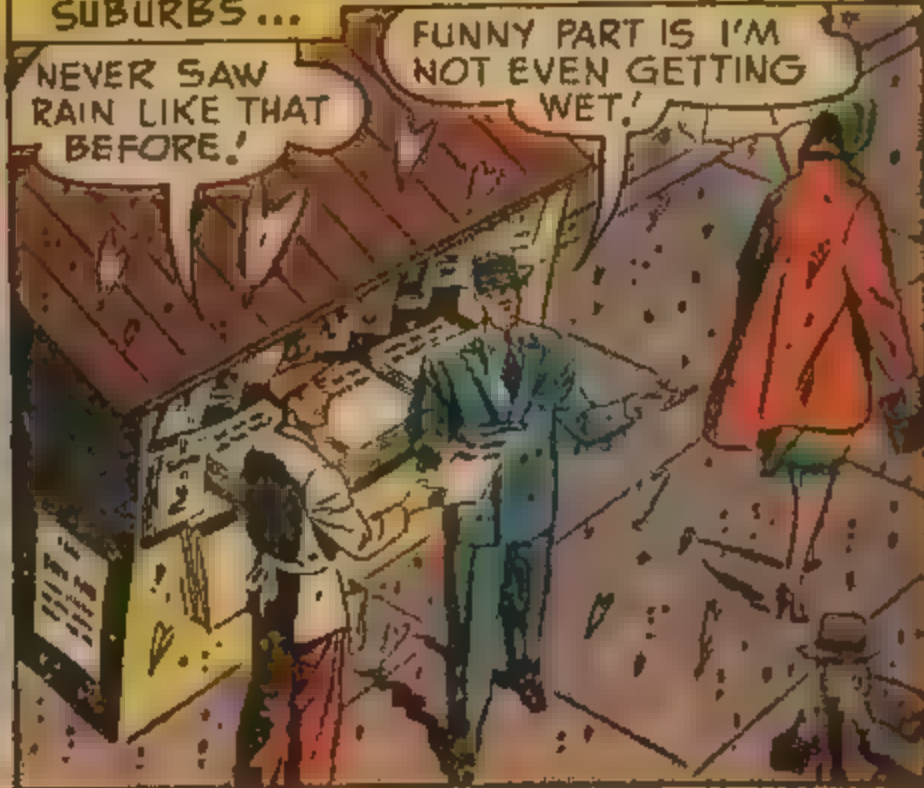
FAR ABOVE RADAR-RANGE A STRANGE MISSILE ENTERS EARTH'S IONOSPHERE -- AND BURSTS, SPREADING ITS CARGO ON A PORTION OF THE PLANET BELOW...



SOON AFTER, A PECULIAR RAIN FALLS ON A GREAT AMERICAN CITY AND ITS SUBURBS...

NEVER SAW RAIN LIKE THAT BEFORE!

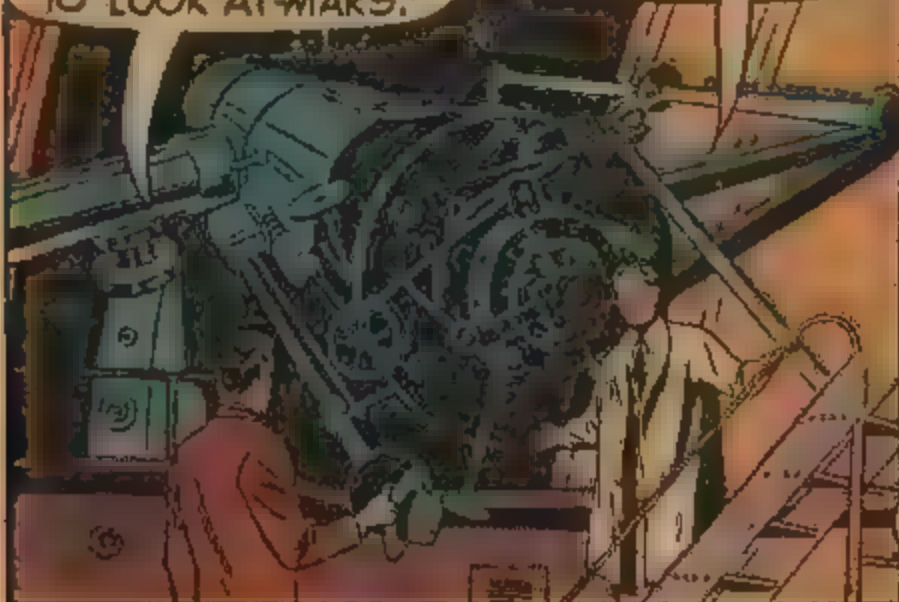
FUNNY PART IS I'M NOT EVEN GETTING WET!



MEANWHILE, AN EVEN STRANGER PHENOMENON CAUSES DR. WESLEY SAMPSON, ACE PLANT BIOLOGIST, TO BE SUMMONED TO A NEARBY ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY...

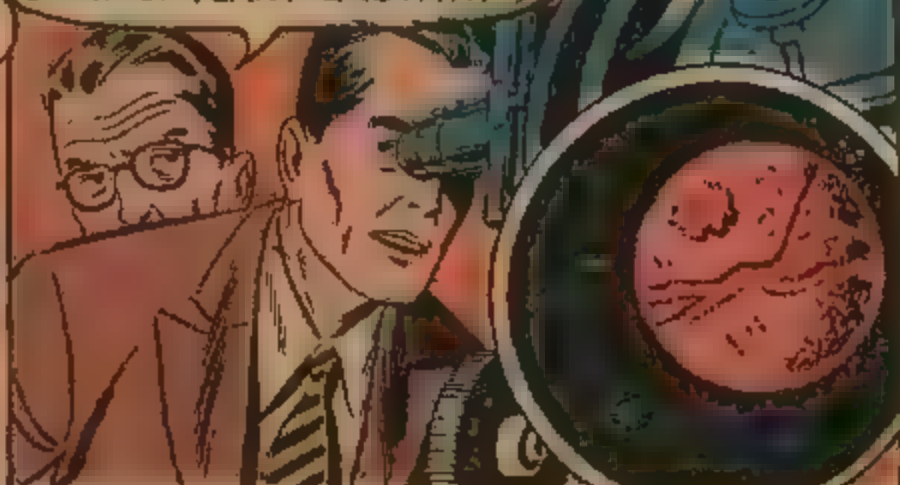
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT A PLANT BIOLOGIST TO LOOK AT MARS!

YOU WILL WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH THE TELESCOPE!



THAT DARK RED SPOT ON MARS HAS BEEN GROWING STEADILY. IT OCCURRED TO ME IT MIGHT BE SOME SORT OF PLANT GROWTH!

NOT IF IT'S COLORED RED! MARTIAN PLANT LIFE IS GREEN LIKE OURS!



THAT'S THE WAY IT GREW, DADDY! AND I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET-- I DIDN'T EVEN PLANT ANY SEEDS IN THE FLOWERPOT!

RETURNING TO HIS SUBURBAN HOME, DR. SAMPSON IS MET BY HIS YOUNG DAUGHTER MARY...

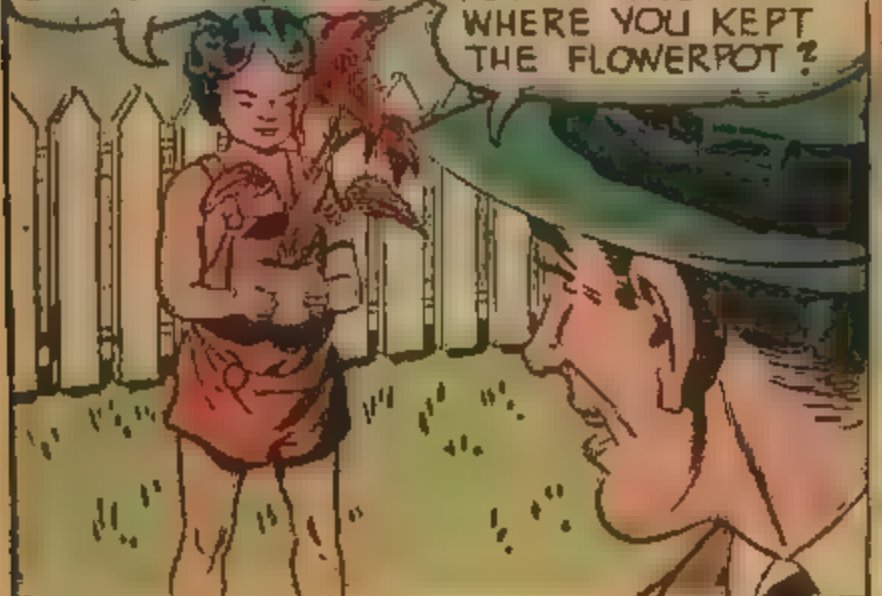
LOOK AT THE NEW PLANT I FOUND IN THE YARD, DADDY!

A RED-COLORED PLANT! HOW ODD!



I DON'T LIKE THE WAY IT LOOKS, SO I'M GOING TO MAKE IT GREEN LIKE OTHER PLANTS!

I'M SURE YOU WILL, MARY--BUT FIRST, WILL YOU PLEASE SHOW ME WHERE YOU KEPT THE FLOWERPOT?



DISTURBED, DR. SAMPSON FOLLOWS MARY TO THE BACK OF THE HOUSE...

SEE--THERE'S A LOT OF THESE RED PLANTS GROWING HERE!

GOOD GOSH! I WONDER IF THIS HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE RED PLANT GROWTH I SAW ON MARS?





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MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY CITY...

BEATS ME, CAPTAIN!
THE PLANTS JUST
SEEMED TO GROW
UNDER MY FEET

WHO EVER HEARD OF
PLANTS GROWING OUT
OF SIDEWALKS AND
BUILDINGS? I BETTER
GET THE COMMISSIONER
ON THE PHONE.

ARMING THEMSELVES WITH EVERY CUTTING
INSTRUMENT THEY CAN, THE CITY'S INHABIT-
ANTS CHOP AWAY AT THE MONSTROUS
GROWTHS...

IT'S NO USE--THEY GROW
FASTER THAN WE CAN
DESTROY THEM.

EVER OUTWARD FROM THE CITY
AREA THE PLANT-PLAGUE
SPREADS...

LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE STUCK
HERE!

MOST PECULIAR
PLANTS I EVER SAW!
WONDER WHERE
THEY CAME FROM
ANYHOW?

IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THE SAME URGENT
QUESTION IS UNDER DISCUSSION.

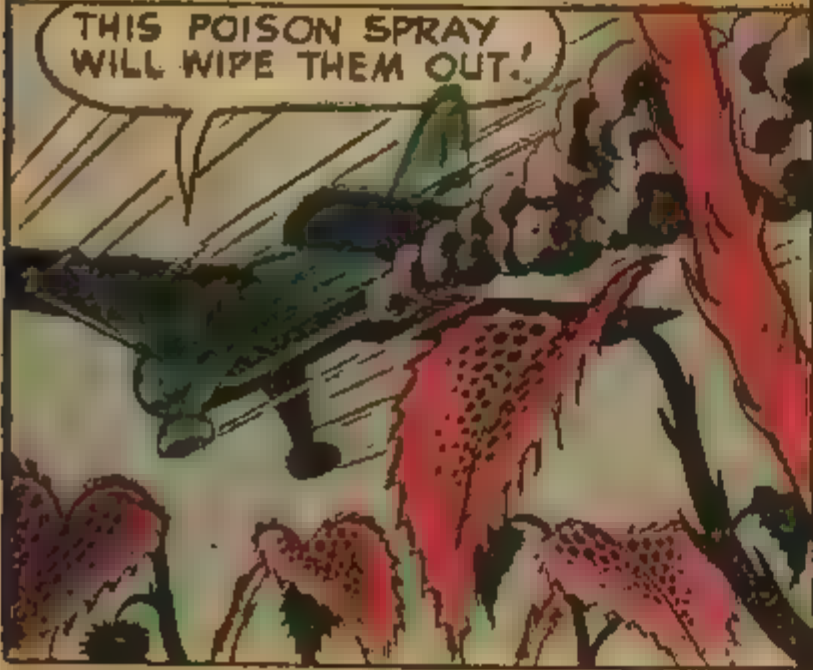
MR. PRESIDENT, MARS IS SUFFERING
A SIMILAR BLIGHT! THE
WHOLE PLANET IS COVERED
WITH GIANT GROWTHS! IN
MY OPINION THEY CAME
HERE FROM SOME
OTHER WORLD!

THE PLANTS ARE
DEFINITELY ALIEN,
MR. PRESIDENT! AND
THERE'S NOTHING WE
CAN DO TO STOP THEM
FROM ENLARGING THEIR
AREA OF GROWTH!

BUT THEY MUST
BE DESTROYED--
OR THEY'LL
DESTROY US!

IN THE DESPERATE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GIANT PLANTS, EVERY KNOWN WEAPON IS USED...

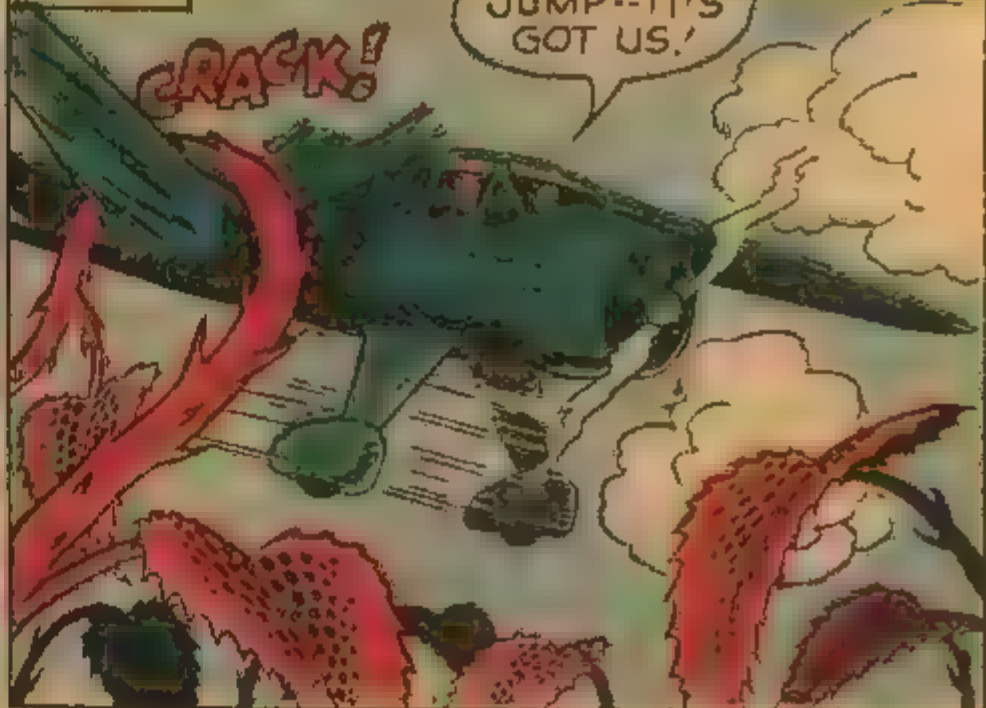
THIS POISON SPRAY WILL WIPE THEM OUT!



BUT POISON FAILS AND THE PLANTS FIGHT BACK!

JUMP--IT'S GOT US!

CRACK!



BULLDOZER ATTEMPTS TO UPROOT THE PLANTS' PROVE UNSUCCESSFUL...

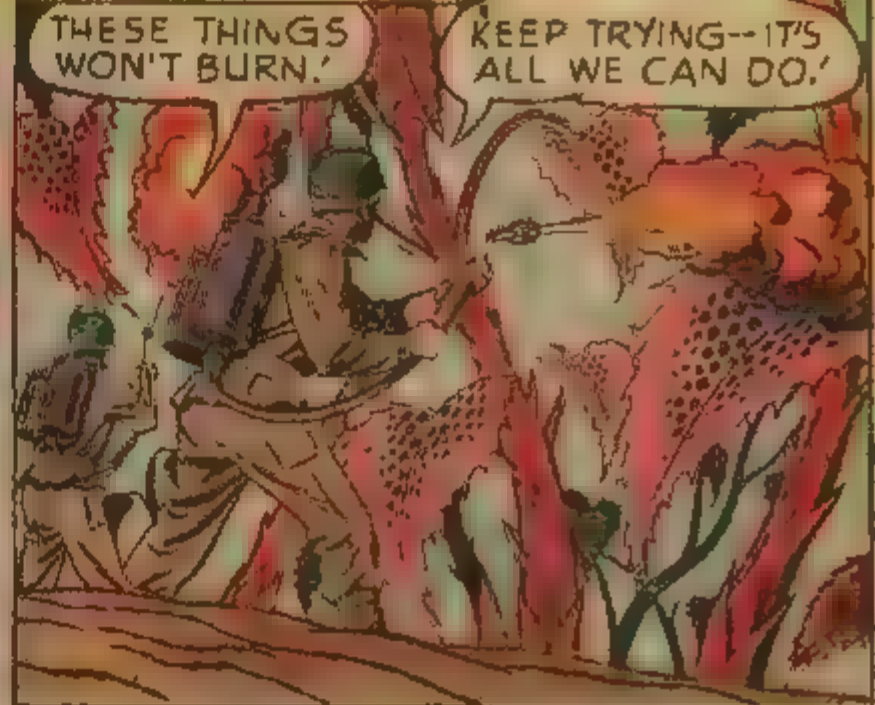
WE BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE'RE TRAPPED!



FLAME-THROWERS ARE HURLED INTO THE STRUGGLE...

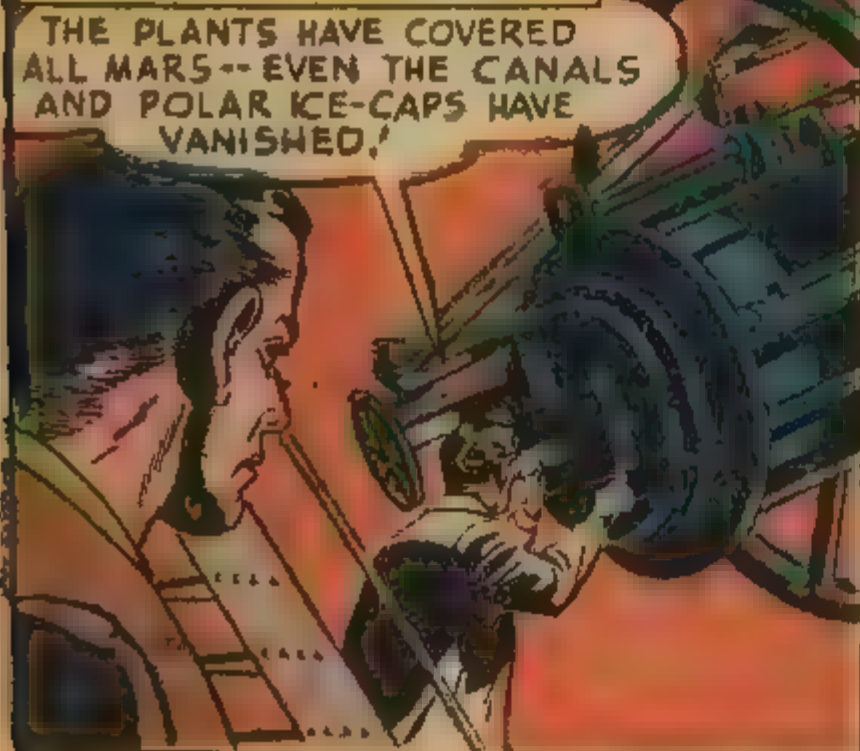
THESE THINGS WON'T BURN!

KEEP TRYING--IT'S ALL WE CAN DO!



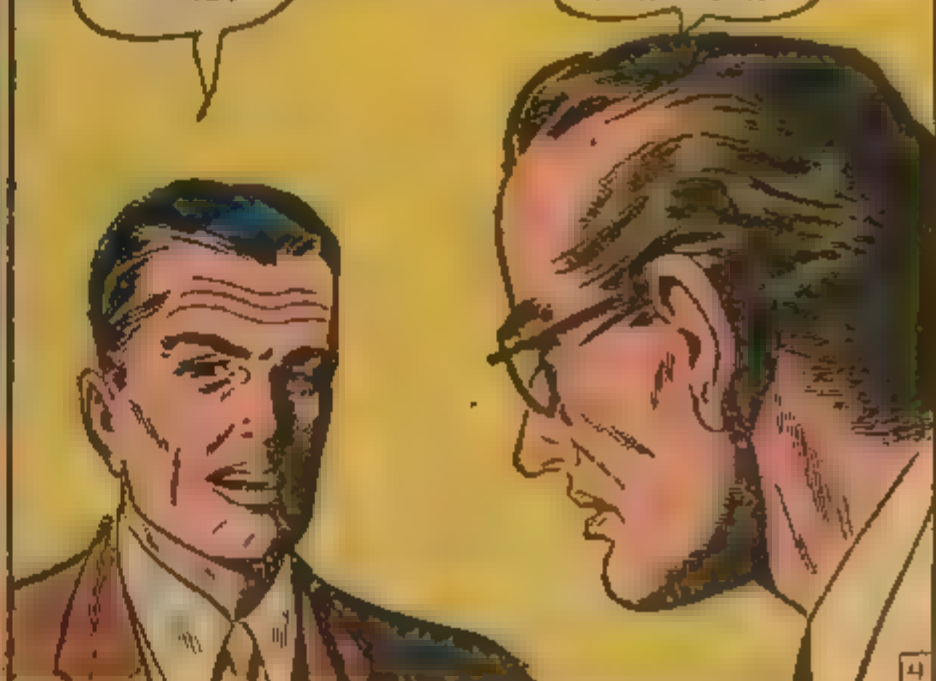
EVEN MARS SEEMS TO BE WAGING A LOSING BATTLE AGAINST THE MALIGNANT PLANTS...

THE PLANTS HAVE COVERED ALL MARS--EVEN THE CANALS AND POLAR ICE-CAPS HAVE VANISHED!



UNLESS WE CHECK THESE PLANTS, EARTH WILL BE CHOKED TO DEATH--LIKE MARS!

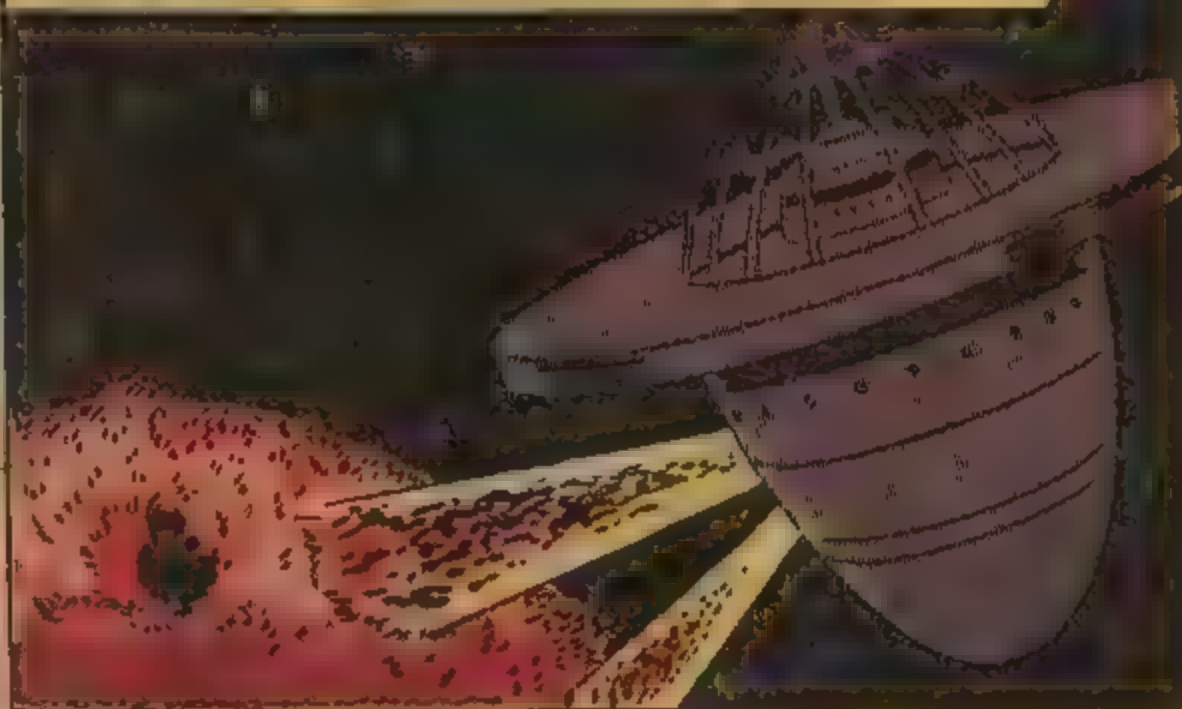
TAKE A LOOK--THROUGH THE TELESCOPE--SOMETHING EVEN WORSE MAY HAPPEN!



AN IMMENSE SPACE-SHIP
OVER MARS --AND IT'S
HARVESTING THE MARTIAN
PLANTS WITH A TRACTOR-
BEAM!

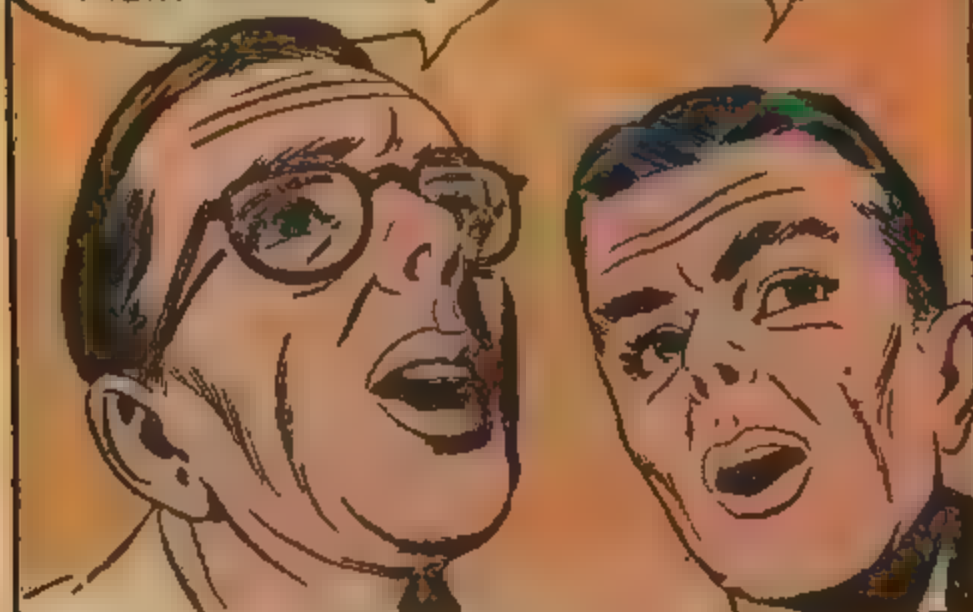


HORRIFIED, THE EARTHMAN WATCHES THE HARVEST-
ING OF THE NEIGHBORING PLANET...



THE SEEDS WERE PLANTED
BY FARMERS FROM SPACE!
THEY ARE USING OUR PLANETS
AS GIANT FARMLANDS FOR
THEIR HARVESTS!

AND EARTH
MAY BE RIPE
FOR PICKING
NEXT!



OVERWHELMED BY A SENSE OF DOOM,
DR. SAMPSON RETURNS HOME...

HI, HONEY--STILL
PLAYING WITH
FLOWERS?

YES, DADDY, BUT
MY PLANT DIED.



THE PLANT--IT'S TURNED
GREEN! MARY, WHAT DID YOU
DO TO IT?



I DIDN'T MEAN TO
KILL IT! I TRIED TO
MAKE IT GREEN BY
PUTTING CHLOROPHYL
TOOTHPASTE ON IT.
YOU TOLD ME
CHLOROPHYL
MAKES THINGS
GREEN!

CHLOROPHYL!
WHO WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT--!





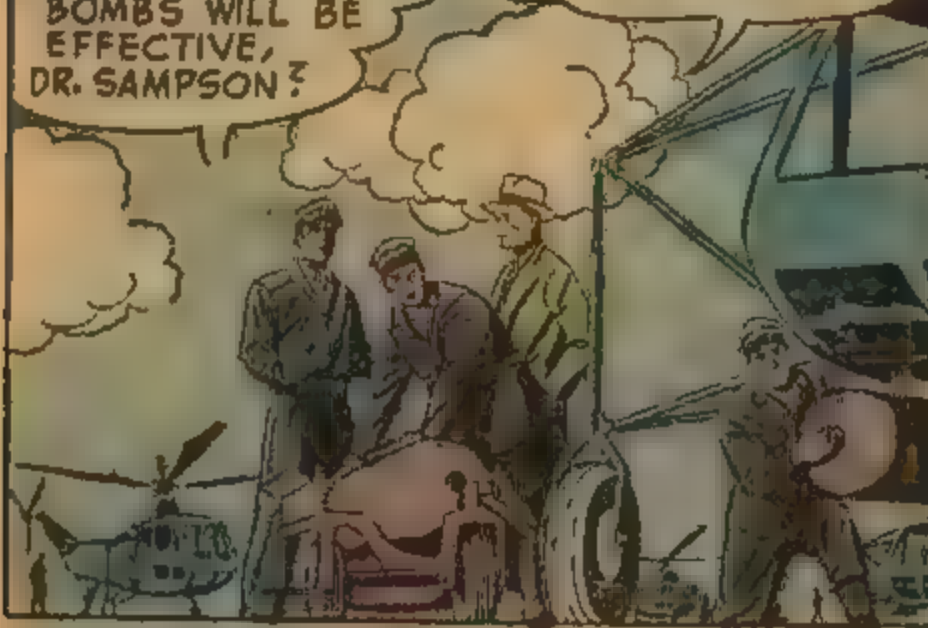
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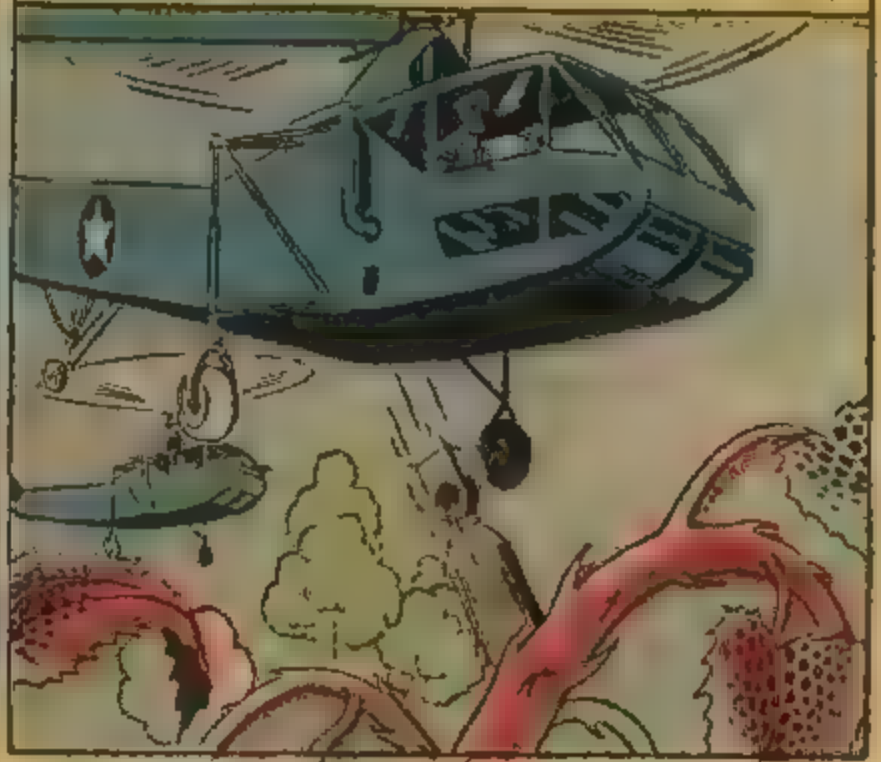
SWIFTLY, UNDER DR. SAMPSON'S DIRECTION, CHLOROPHYL BOMBS ARE PREPARED...

DO YOU THINK YOUR BOMBS WILL BE EFFECTIVE, DR. SAMPSON?

IF THEY'RE NOT, EARTH IS DOOMED!



AMAZINGLY, THE ALIEN PLANTS WITHER AND DIE WHEN DUSTED WITH EARTH'S LIFE-GIVING CHLOROPHYL...



IMMEDIATELY AN ALL-OUT DRIVE IS LAUNCHED TO KILL THE CROP BEFORE THE HARVESTER FROM SPACE ARRIVES...



SOON AFTER, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE EARTH AND MOON...

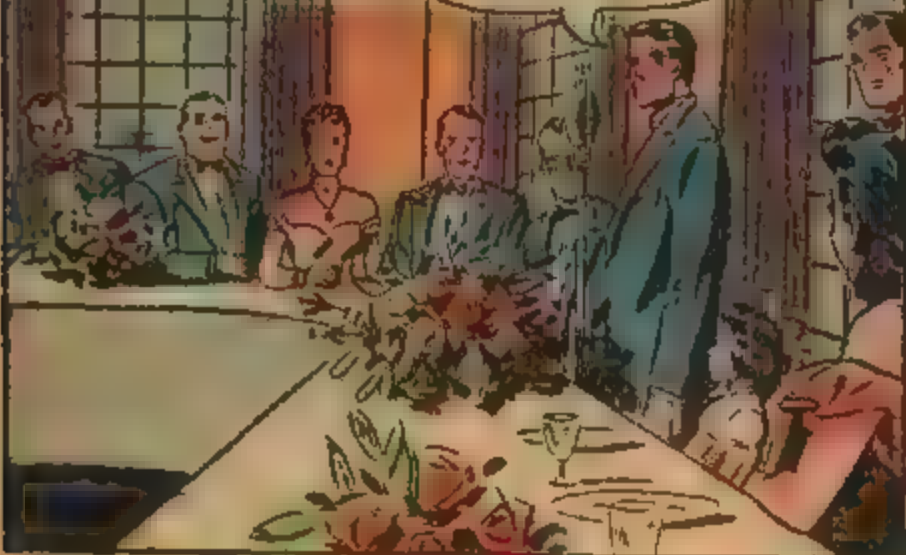
STRANGE, DIS KOR, OUR SEED HAS NOT FLOURISHED ON THE THIRD PLANET!

IT IS A SORE DISAPPOINTMENT, REN TLUKE--WE MUST MOVE ON TO HARVEST THE NEXT PLANET GROUP!

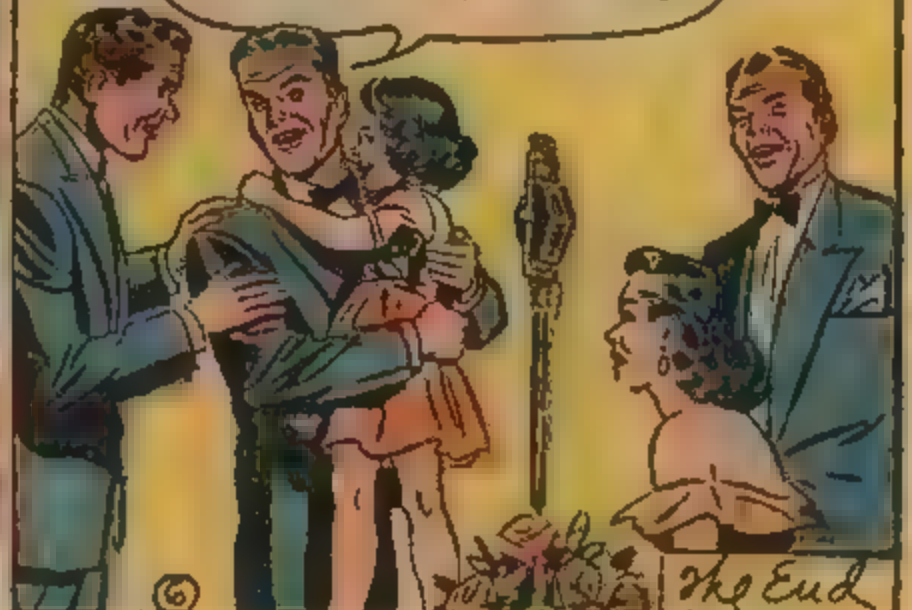


LATER, AT A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF DR. SAMPSON...

STRANGELY, CHLOROPHYL, THE SUBSTANCE THAT CAUSES ALL NORMAL PLANTS OF THIS WORLD TO GROW, WAS DEADLY POISON TO THESE WEEDS FROM SPACE...



... AND IT WAS THIS YOUNG PLANT BIOLOGIST WHO STUMBLED ON THE ANSWER WHILE WE ADULTS WERE GETTING FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH! TO MY DAUGHTER MARY MUST GO CREDIT FOR SAVING THE EARTH!



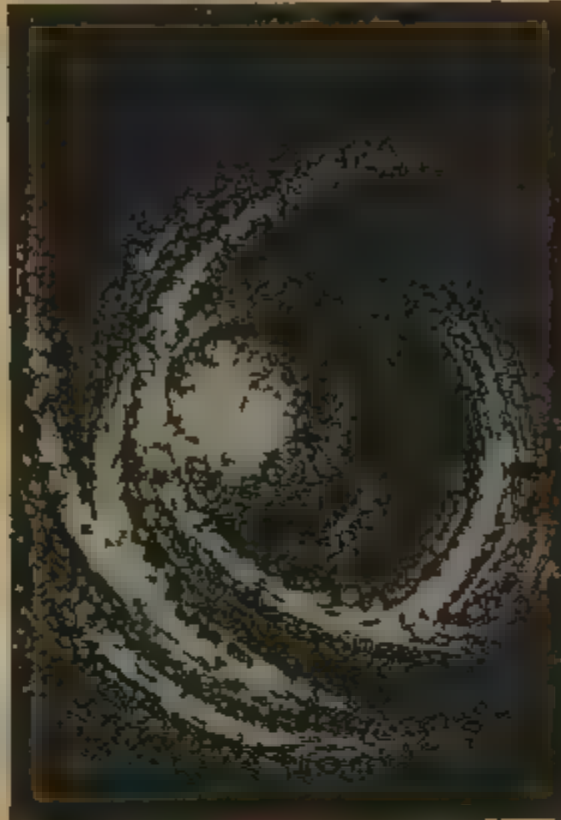
The End

SCIENTIFIC WORD ORIGINS...

THE TINY STAFF-SHAPED OBJECTS THAT WERE FIRST OBSERVED THROUGH A MICROSCOPE WERE CALLED **BACTERIA**, FROM THE GREEK WORD **BAKTERION**-- MEANING LITTLE STAFF OR STICK...



BECAUSE SWARMS OF STARS IN DISTANT SPACE APPEAR AS VAGUE, CLOUDY PATCHES OF LIGHT, THEY ARE COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS **NEBULA**, THE LATIN TERM FOR CLOUD...



THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE THAT SEEMED TO TUG ON EVERY OBJECT ON EARTH WAS GIVEN THE WORD **GRAVITY**, ADAPTED FROM THE LATIN **GRAVIS**, MEANING HEAVY...



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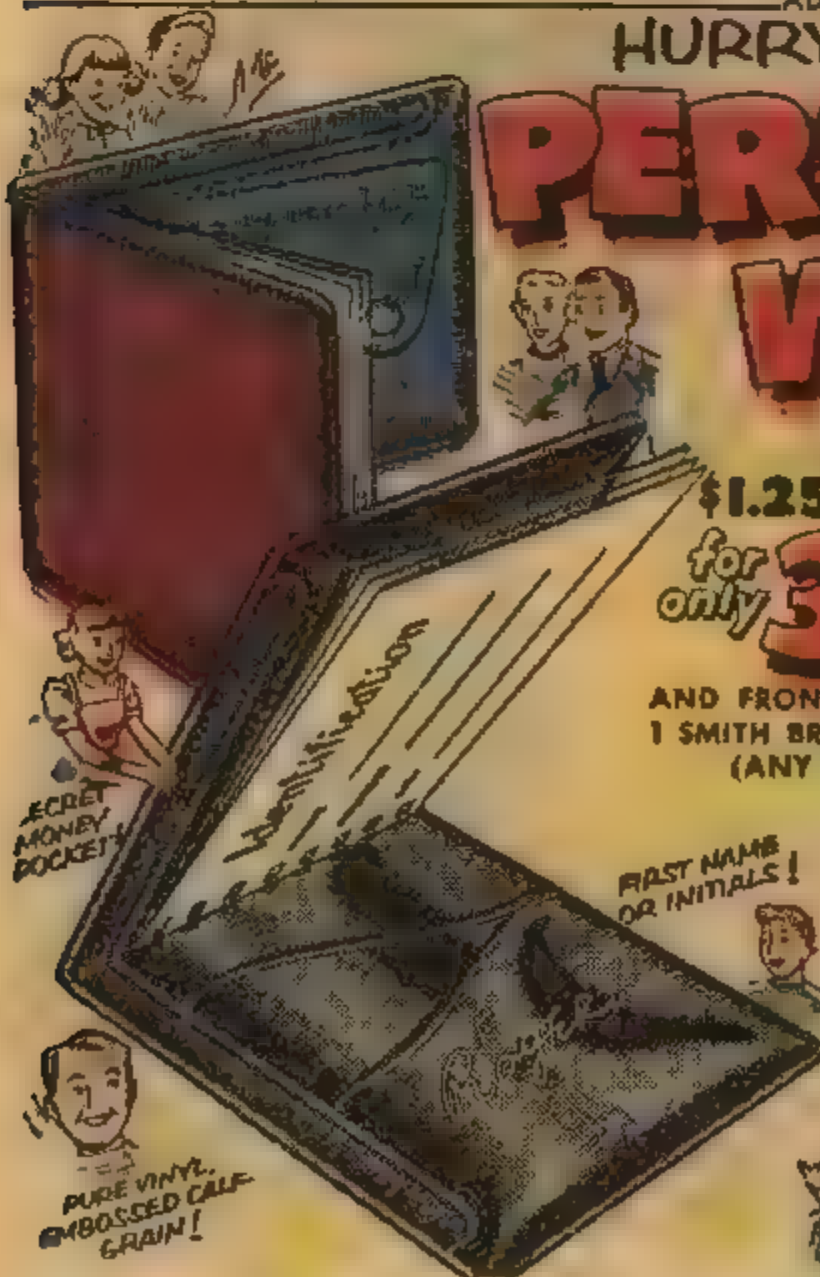
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THE CASE OF THE TWICE- TOLD TALE!

AUTHOR GEORGE MITCHELL BECAME A CELEBRITY OVERNIGHT WHEN HE WROTE A GREAT HISTORICAL NOVEL... UNTIL SOMEONE DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS A WORD-FOR-WORD STEAL OF A BOOK WRITTEN BY ANOTHER WRITER MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO! BUT MITCHELL KNEW THAT HE HAD NOT STOLEN THE STORY, THAT EVERY DOTTED I AND CROSSED T, WERE HIS OWN! THE ENSUING INVESTIGATION LED TO ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS OF ALL TIMES!

FINALLY FINISHED--
MY FIRST NOVEL!
I'LL RUSH IT TO THE
PUBLISHER AT
ONCE!

NOT SO FAST, MY FRIEND--
I WROTE THAT BOOK
FIRST--MORE THAN A
CENTURY
AGO!

The
TRAITOR

THE
• TRAITOR
by
• GEORGE
MITCHELL

THE BOOK HAD TAKEN ME OVER FIVE YEARS TO WRITE, BUT, BELIEVE ME, IT WAS WORTH IT, WHEN...

MR. MITCHELL,
I HAVE GRAND
NEWS FOR YOU--
YOUR BOOK HAS
BEEN SELECTED
AS THE NOVEL OF
THE MONTH!

'AT
LAST!

FOLLOWED DAYS OF FEVERISH ACTIVITY.

TO THE GREAT-
EST HISTORICAL
NOVELIST OF
OUR TIME,
GEORGE
MITCHELL!

BUT, SUDDENLY, AT THE VERY HEIGHT
OF MY GLORY...

FLASH! MR. AND MRS.
AMERICA, I HAVE JUST DISCOVERED
THAT GEORGE MITCHELL'S BOOK ABOUT
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, "THE
TRAITOR", WAS BRAZENLY COPIED
FROM THIS VOLUME I HOLD IN
MY HAND--WRITTEN
IN 1780!

IMPOSSIBLE!



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OF COURSE, I KNEW IT MUST BE A MISTAKE, AND LEFT AT ONCE FOR MY PUBLISHER'S OFFICE, BUT THERE...

SURELY, MR. BLAKE, YOU CAN'T BELIEVE I'D DO A THING LIKE THAT!

THIS IS A COPY OF THE 1780 BOOK, MITCHELL! YOUR NOVEL IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF IT--EVERY SENTENCE IN IT! NOW, YOU WORD THIEF--GET OUT!

IN THE DISMAL DAYS THAT FOLLOWED...

DAILY PICTORIAL
1780 NOVEL STARRING
TODAY
AUTHOR STEALS NOVEL!
The Times-Herald
AUTHOR STEALS NOVEL WRITTEN BY RICHARD MILLS IN 1780

I DIDN'T!
I DIDN'T!

BUT FINALLY, MY DESPAIR GAVE WAY TO ANGER--I KNEW I HAD WRITTEN THE BOOK--I HAD SWEATED OUT EVERY PAGE! WHO--WHO WAS THIS AUTHOR FROM THE PAST WHO HAD BRANDED ME A THIEF AND A PLAGIARIST? I-I HAD TO FIND OUT!

THEN AFTER HOURS OF RESEARCH AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY...

AH--HERE IT IS! "RICHARD MILLS (1780-1810), INVENTOR AND AUTHOR!" AND IT ALSO GIVES HIS HOME--STONY CREEK HOUSE, SALEM!... I--I'LL GO THERE--MAYBE I CAN DISCOVER THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS INSANE CO-INCIDENCE!

WEEKS LATER, I FOUND IT--A BROKEN-DOWN STONE HOUSE, UNINHABITED, AND BOARDED UP.

I-I MUST HAVE BEEN MAD! WHAT CAN I POSSIBLY HOPE TO FIND INSIDE--MAYBE A FEW COPIES OF MY BOOK?... STILL, I FEEL STRANGELY DRAWN IN! WHAT CAN I LOSE?

I GROPED THROUGH THE MUSTY OLD HOUSE, BUT DISCOVERED NOTHING! FINALLY, I FOUND MYSELF IN THE ATTIC...

OLD RECORDS, PAPERS, BOOKS! I'LL GO THROUGH THEM, BUT THE HEAT AND DRYNESS IN THIS PLACE ARE SUFFOCATING!

THEN, SUDDENLY, MY HEART LEAPED AS MY FINGERS CLUTCHED SOMETHING THAT MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE WRETCHED MYSTERY...

THE--THE DIARY OF RICHARD MILLS! THE PAGES ARE SO BROWNEED AND CRUMBLING, I CAN HARDLY MAKE OUT THE WRITING! BUT--I--I MUST!

DIARY

AND AS I SCANNED THE BRITTLE PAGES, A STORY UNFOLDED THAT STAGGERED MY IMAGINATION--HOW MILLS, A FRIEND OF BEN FRANKLIN, HAD WORKED FOR YEARS ON A TIME MACHINE...

A TIME MACHINE THAT WILL TRANSPORT YOU INTO THE FUTURE, DID YOU SAY? RICHARD, YOU'RE MAD!

BUT I TELL YOU, IT'S GOT TO WORK, BEN!

"SO BEN THOUGHT I WAS CRAZY, TOO! MAYBE-- MAYBE I WAS! WHEN FRANKLIN LEFT, I RESOLVED TO TRY MY MACHINE OUT AT ONCE!"

I'LL SET THE CONTROLS FOR... LET'S SEE... ANY DATE WILL DO... 1952!

"THEN, AS I PULLED THE ACTIVATOR LEVER..."

IT'S WORKING! IT'S WORKING! OH, IF ONLY BEN FRANKLIN WERE HERE TO SEE IT!

"AN INSTANT LATER, I FOUND MYSELF IN THE STRANGE WORLD OF THE FUTURE..."

I DID IT--I'M IN THE YEAR 1952! WHAT QUEER COSTUMES--AND SEE, HORSELESS CARRIAGES! THIS WILL SURELY MAKE MY FAME AND FORTUNE! I MUST PRESS THE REVERSE ACTIVATOR AND RETURN INSTANTLY SO I CAN TELL THEM ALL IT WORKED!

"BUT JUST THEN, AN IDEA OCCURRED TO ME..."

BUT HOW CAN I PROVE I HAVE BEEN HERE? ...AH, THAT BOOK! IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO AROUSE THEIR CURIOSITY! THEN I SHALL PUT ON AN ACTUAL DEMONSTRATION FOR THEM!

"I PRESSED THE REVERSE ACTIVATOR, BUT WHEN I RETURNED TO THE YEAR 1780..."

CRASH!

MY TIME MACHINE-- IT EXPLODED!

"IT HAD TAKEN ME FIFTEEN YEARS TO BUILD THE MACHINE, AND I COULD NOT BEAR THE THOUGHT OF STARTING AGAIN! WHAT WAS I TO DO? I WAS PENNILESS! THE BOOK WAS ABOUT EVENTS IN MY OWN TIME, SO IN DESPERATION, I COPIED IT--AND OFFERED IT TO A PUBLISHER AS MY OWN WORK!...UNLUCKILY, IT WAS A RANK FAILURE!"

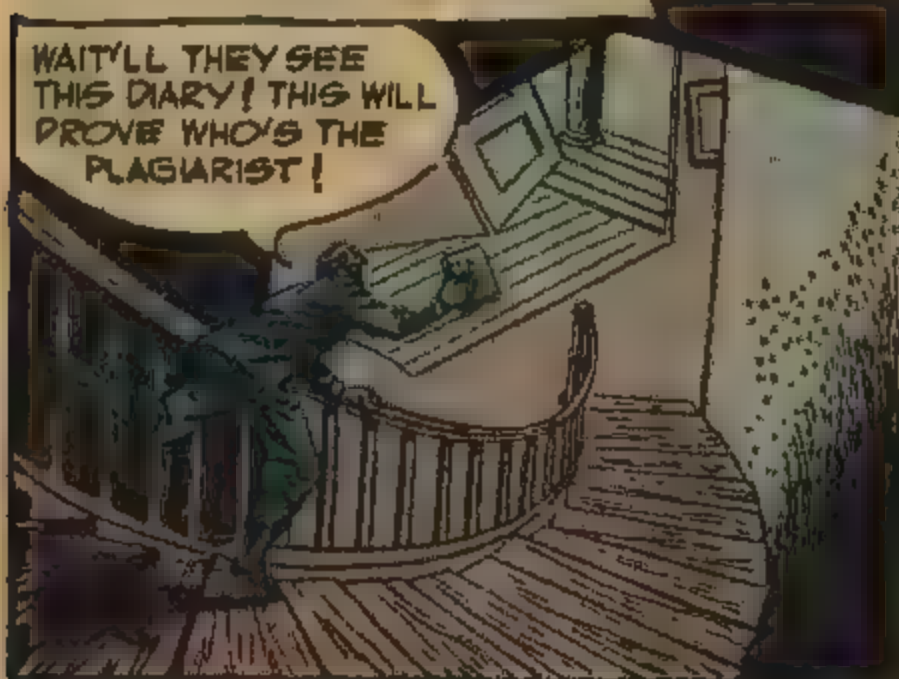
SERVES YOU RIGHT, YOU THIEF!



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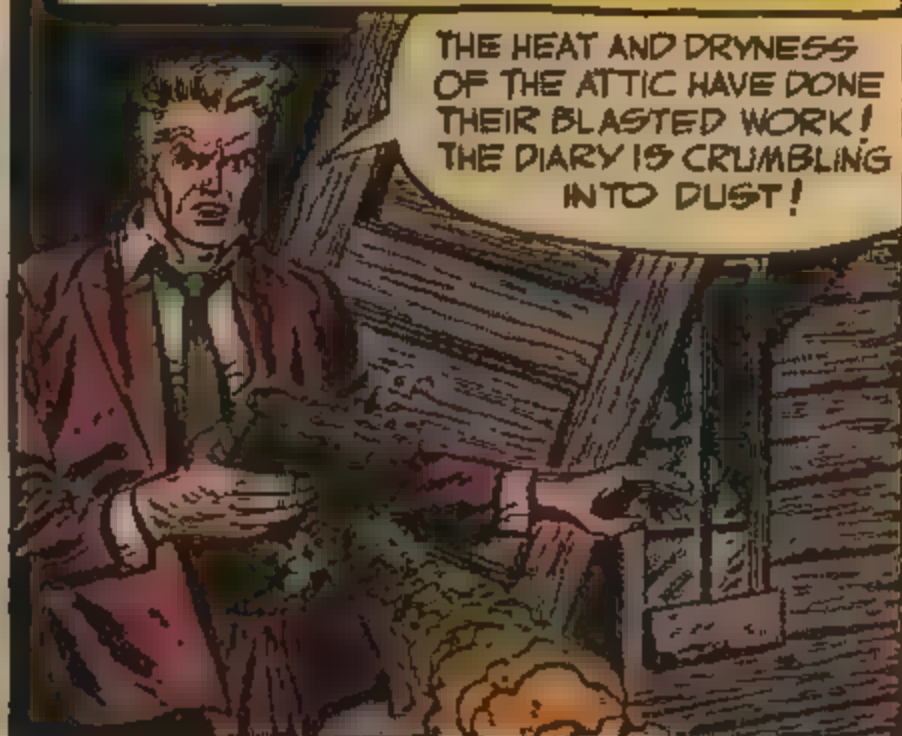


MY JOY WAS UNBOUNDED, AND CLUTCHING THE DIARY, I FLED FROM THE SUFFOCATING ATMOSPHERE OF THE ATTIC ...

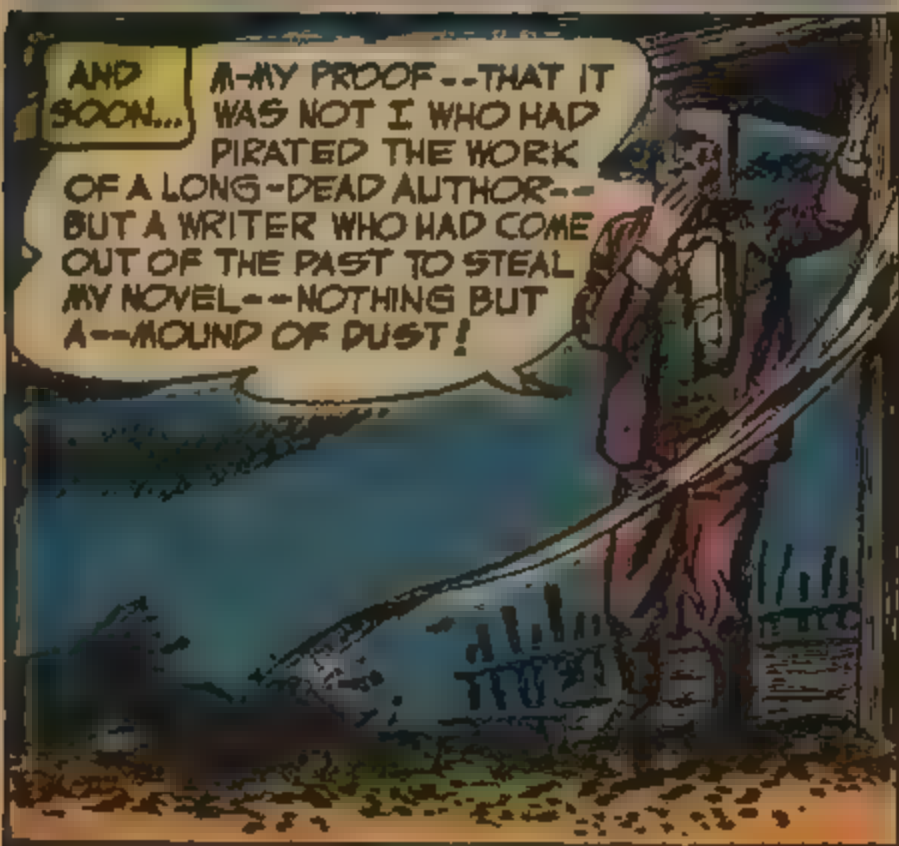


WAIT'LL THEY SEE THIS DIARY! THIS WILL PROVE WHO'S THE PLAGIARIST!

BUT THE MOMENT I STEPPED OUTSIDE...



THE HEAT AND DRYNESS OF THE ATTIC HAVE DONE THEIR BLASTED WORK! THE DIARY IS CRUMBLING INTO DUST!



AND SOON... A--MY PROOF--THAT IT WAS NOT I WHO HAD PIRATED THE WORK OF A LONG-DEAD AUTHOR-- BUT A WRITER WHO HAD COME OUT OF THE PAST TO STEAL MY NOVEL-- NOTHING BUT A--MOUND OF DUST!



YOU ASK ME NOW WHY I HAVE NOT TOLD THIS STORY TO ANYONE? WHAT WOULD BE THE USE? NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME! ... DO YOU?

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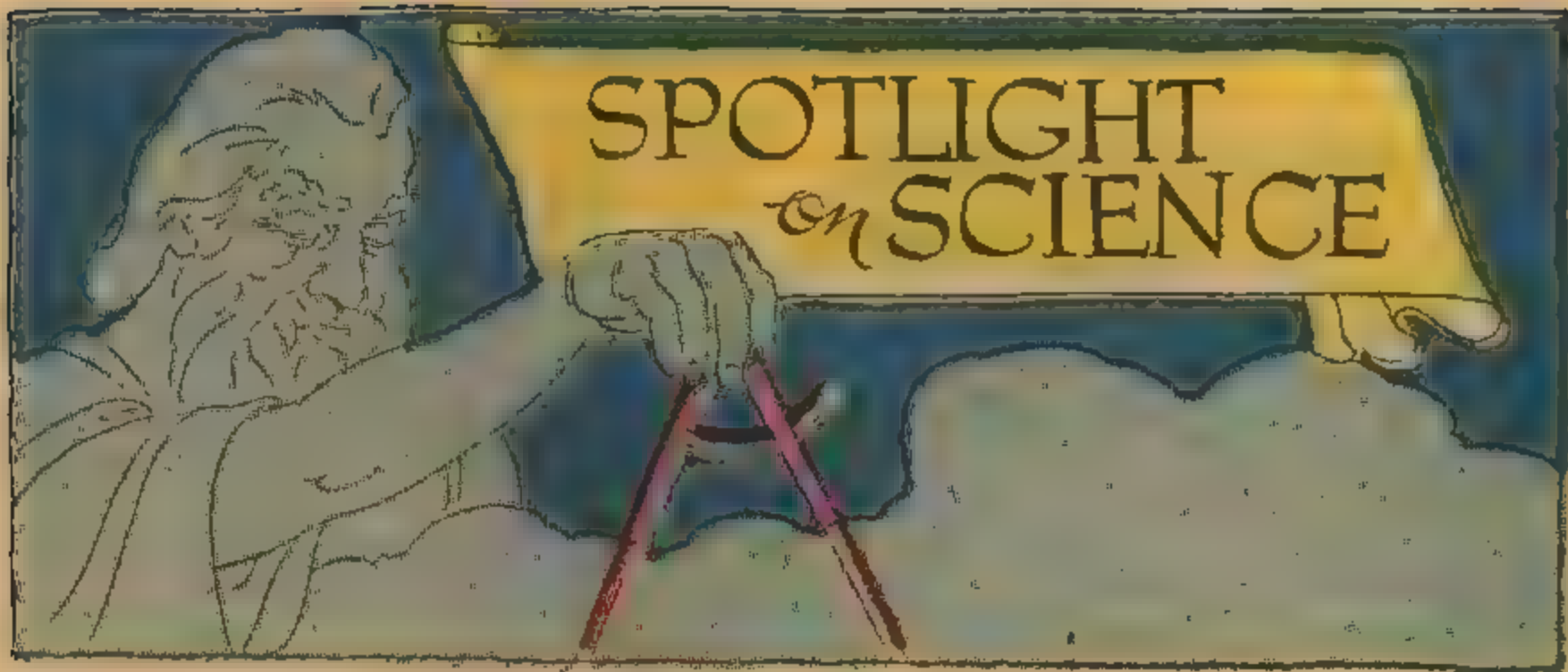


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ATOM COUNT

WHEN men of science talk about atoms they reel off sets of figures that put our national debt to shame! As a typical example, consider the number of atoms in a cubic centimeter of helium gas—2,560,000,000,000,000,000,000,000—that comes out as two sextillion, five hundred and sixty quintillion.

An impressive figure, but just what does it mean? Well, if the atoms of helium gas in a little glass pellet the size of a pea were liberated at the rate of one thousand per second, about two thousand million years would elapse before the last atom escaped.

Unless you're already lost in this maze of figures, you must be curious to know how scientists figure this atom count. Actually, the process is quite simple, the principle involved being not much different from that used by a farmer who counts his sheep in a large flock. The method consists in making a small hole, accurately measured, in a screen against which so-called "Alpha particles" (helium atoms), are bombarded from a measured surface of radium.

The particles fly impartially in all directions, so those that go through the hole—one by one, like sheep—are a calculable fraction of the whole number given off in a given time.

IS THE EARTH ROUND?

It is curious that the roundness of the earth is a generally accepted fact, yet few persons are able to offer a convincing proof that our planet is nearly spherical. Indeed, any assertion of the earth's roundness apparently defies our sense of sight.

If what we see we interpret correctly, we must conclude that the earth is indeed round. Five of the most frequently offered proofs follow:

(1) In recent years rocket-borne cameras and manned balloon ascensions have supplied us with photographs made at very high altitudes. They show extended stretches of horizon which unmistakably reveal the curvature of the earth's surface.

(2) To the observant seacoast resident it is common knowledge that departing ships not only shrink in size but disappear hull first, masts last, and no amount of optical aid will bring back the parts that have gone over the curve of the earth and down the other side. Moreover, it makes no difference in what direction or from what point the ship steams. The result is the same only because the earth's surface is curved.

(3) The earth can be circumnavigated by air in any compass direction. It must therefore be a closed surface. (This is

only a limited proof, for a *banana* is also a closed surface, but hardly round!)

(4) During the period of a lunar eclipse, the earth casts a shadow upon the moon which is invariably circular. (While it is true that certain projections of a cone, cylinder, or a football are also circular, only a nearly spherical volume will have a cross-section that is round under all circumstances.)

(5) Travelers going north or south will notice a progressive shift in the positions of the stars in his sky which is in proportion to the length of his journey. Thus the positions of the distant stars in the sky of an observer in Argentina would plainly be as much different from the positions of the same stars for a northern observer as their respective vertical directions. On a round earth the difference would be in proportion to their separation; on a flat earth it would not.

COLOR BLINDNESS

John Dalton, the originator of the atomic theory in chemistry, was once astonished to discover that there existed in the eyes of most people a difference in color between the red coats of soldiers and the green grass on which the soldiers were marching. To Dalton's eyes there was no difference in color at all, for until then the phenomenon of color blindness had not been recognized. Thus in recognition of its discoverer, the condition of color blindness is even today sometimes referred to as Daltonism.

Despite its overdue discovery, color blindness is not a rare condition in human beings. Extensive studies in Europe have shown its average presence in four males out of every one hundred, and in one female in every two hundred. That color blindness is inherited, is shown by the fact that it is not uniformly distributed throughout the popu-

lation, but prevails in certain family groups.

Strangely enough, the manner of its inheritance is peculiar. A color-blind man does not have color-blind sons. Nor usually do his daughters suffer from this defect. However, the daughters are "carriers" of color blindness and their sons are likely to be color blind. Sometimes there may be two successive generations of such female carriers, without evidence showing this defect.

VISIBLE STARS

With average eyesight and favorable seeing conditions, the human eye can just see the light of a single candle about six miles away. If the light is dimmed or moved to a greater distance than six miles, a "fainter" light cannot be seen, but rather no light at all.

If the light from a single candle six miles away is considered as the unit of brightness, then the faintest stars that we can see with our unaided eyes likewise may be considered to have a brightness of exactly one unit. On this scale the brightest star we can see, Sirius, has a brightness 1080 candles would have at a distance of six miles. Canopus, the second brightest star, has 550 units; then follows Vega with 220, Capella 205, Arcturus 200, Alpha Centauri and Procyon 180 each, and so on.

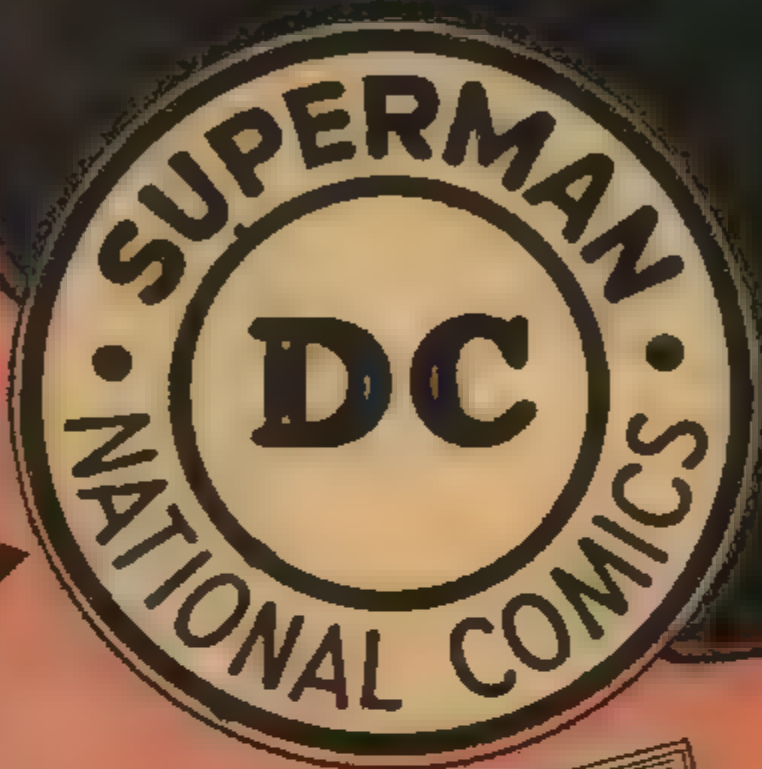
There are only about 20 stars in the whole sky which shine with 100 units of brightness or more. Between 100 and 10 units there are an additional 200 stars, and 4500 more stars between 10 and 1 units.

All together there are only 4720 stars to be seen with our unaided eyes. When we consider that not more than half of this number are above the horizon at any one moment, and that several of these are likely to be hidden by mists or clouds, it is likely that the most stars anyone can see at any one moment is 2000.

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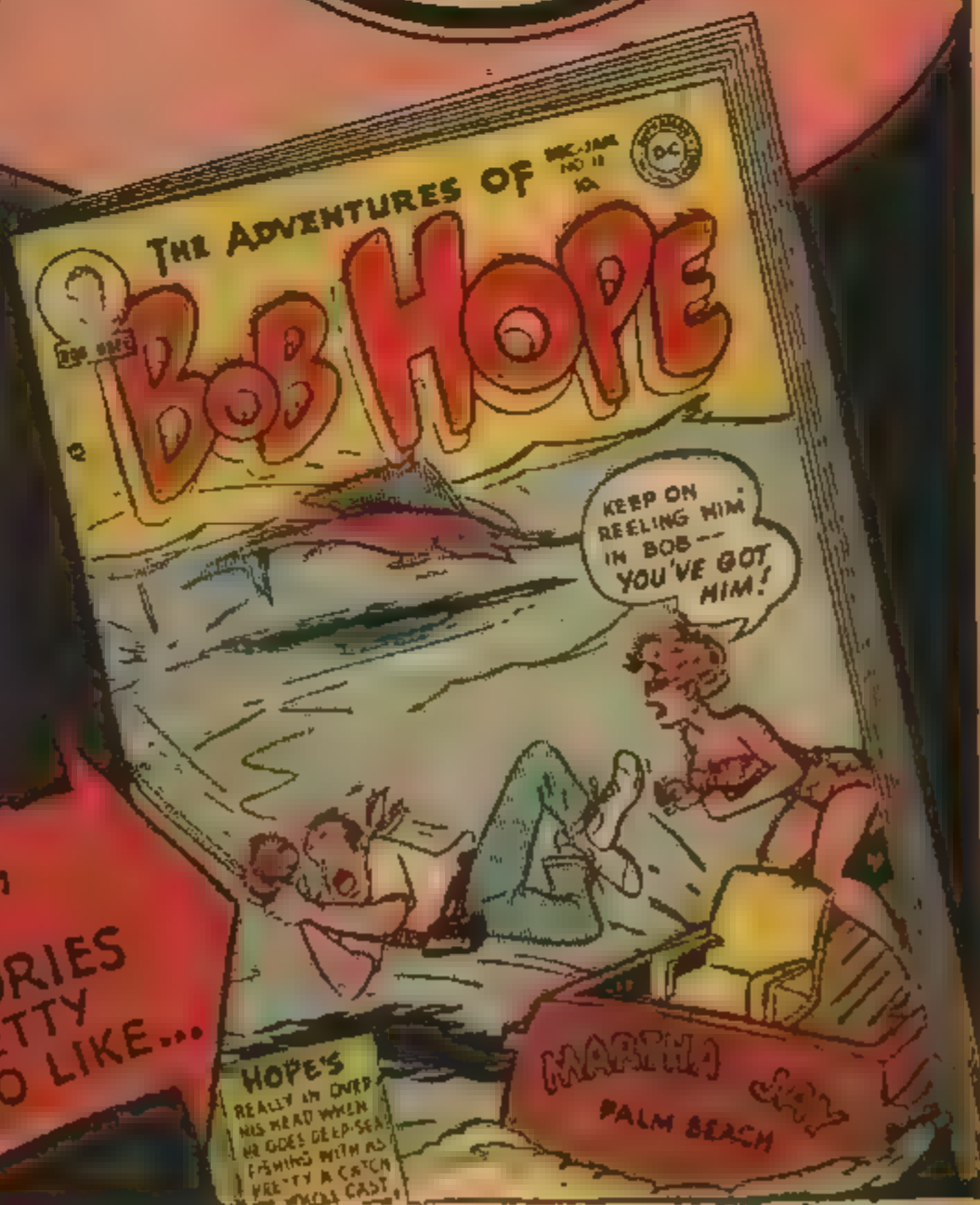
MORE THAN EVER-

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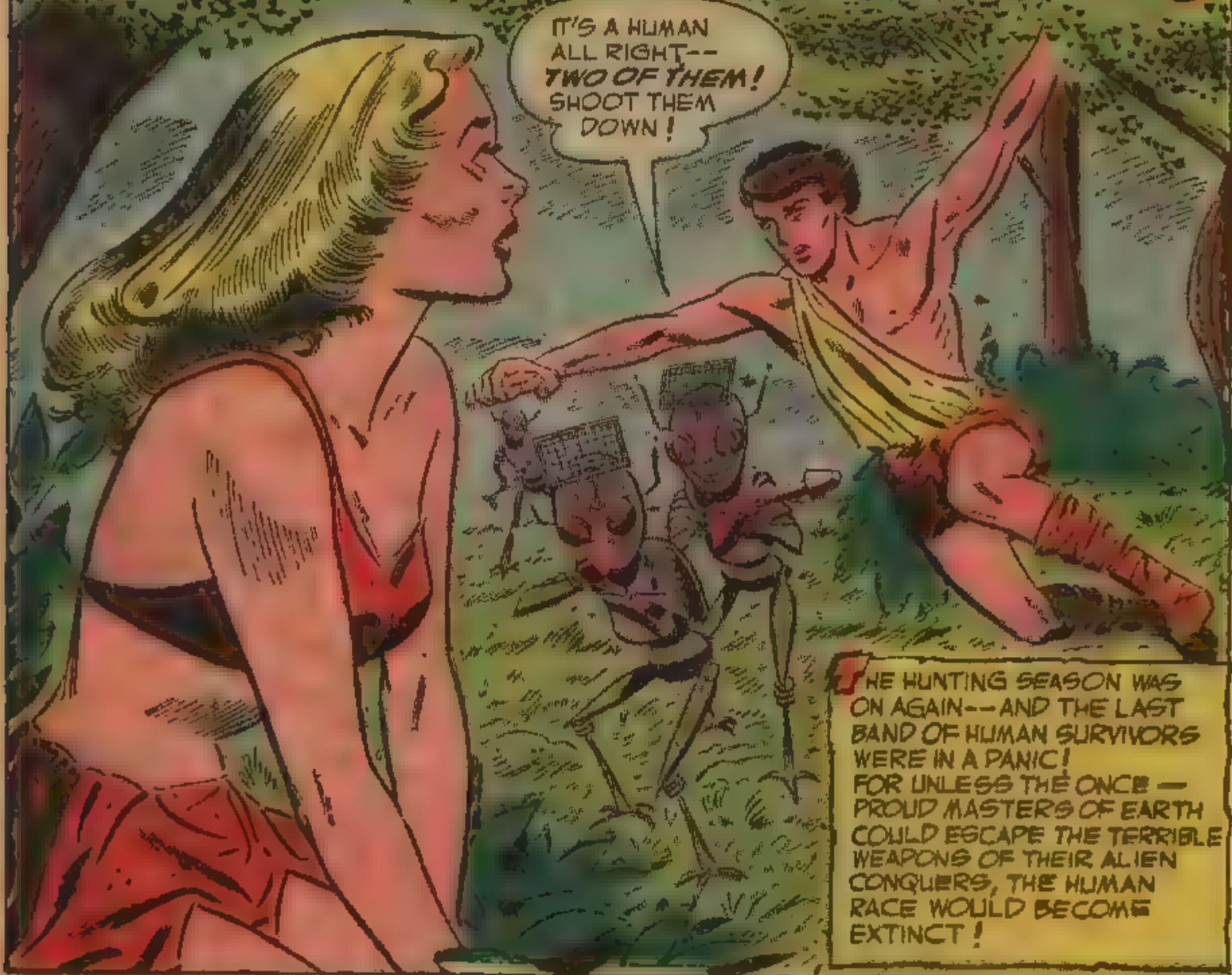


YES, WITH SO
MANY DIFFERENT
TITLES ON THE
NEWSSTANDS,
SOMETIMES IT'S
HARD TO CHOOSE
A MAGAZINE
YOU'RE SURE TO
LIKE, BUT PEOPLE
WHO KNOW COMICS
BEST KNOW THAT
THE D-C SYMBOL
ALWAYS MEANS
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*For Example,
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HUMOROUS STORIES
YOU'RE PRETTY
SURE TO LIKE...*



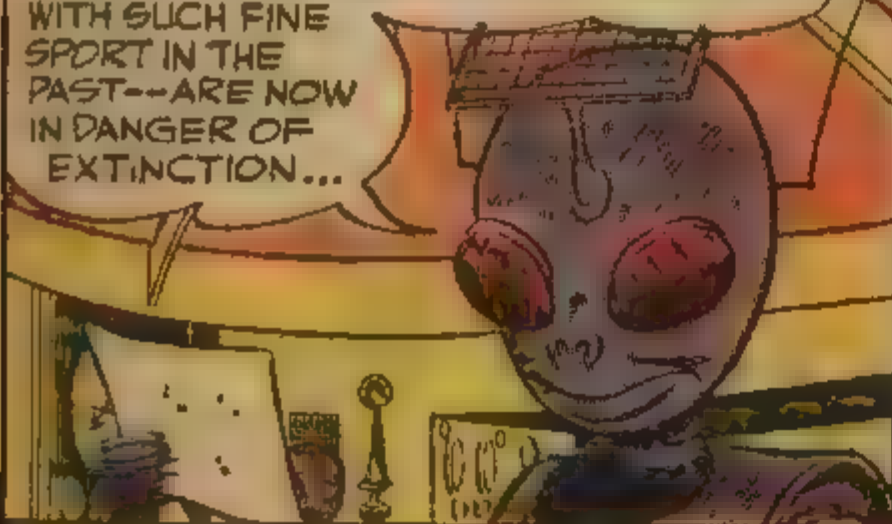
The LAST HUMANS!



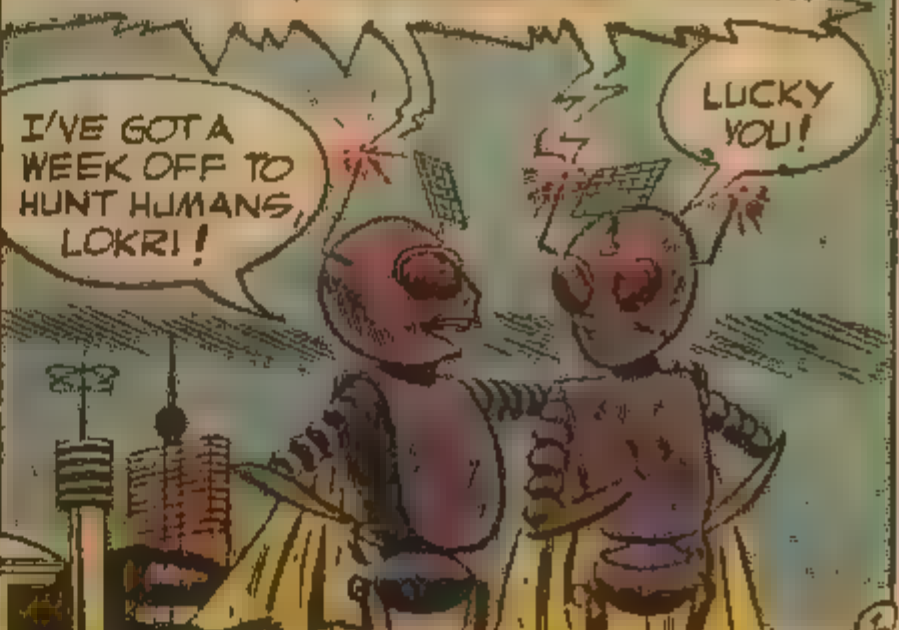
THE HUNTING SEASON WAS ON AGAIN--AND THE LAST BAND OF HUMAN SURVIVORS WERE IN A PANIC! FOR UNLESS THE ONCE -- PROUD MASTERS OF EARTH COULD ESCAPE THE TERRIBLE WEAPONS OF THEIR ALIEN CONQUERORS, THE HUMAN RACE WOULD BECOME EXTINCT!

IN THE 203RD YEAR OF THE GLEBE CONQUEST OF EARTH, A RADIO PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED...

THE ANNUAL **HUMAN-HUNT** WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO WEEKS THIS YEAR! THE HUMANS--WHO HAVE PROVIDED US WITH SUCH FINE SPORT IN THE PAST--ARE NOW IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION...



THEREFORE, THE GLEBE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO PLACE A TIME-LIMIT ON THE HUNT! IT BEGINS TOMORROW...





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ON A WESTERN GLEBE OUTPOST AND SUPPLY CENTER...

ONLY HUMANS WOULD STEAL A RADIO, CAPTAIN! THEY MUST HAVE BROKEN IN HERE!

CHECK TO SEE WHAT ELSE IS MISSING--



I'M GOING TO WIPE OUT THE LITTLE BAND IN OUR SECTOR--IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

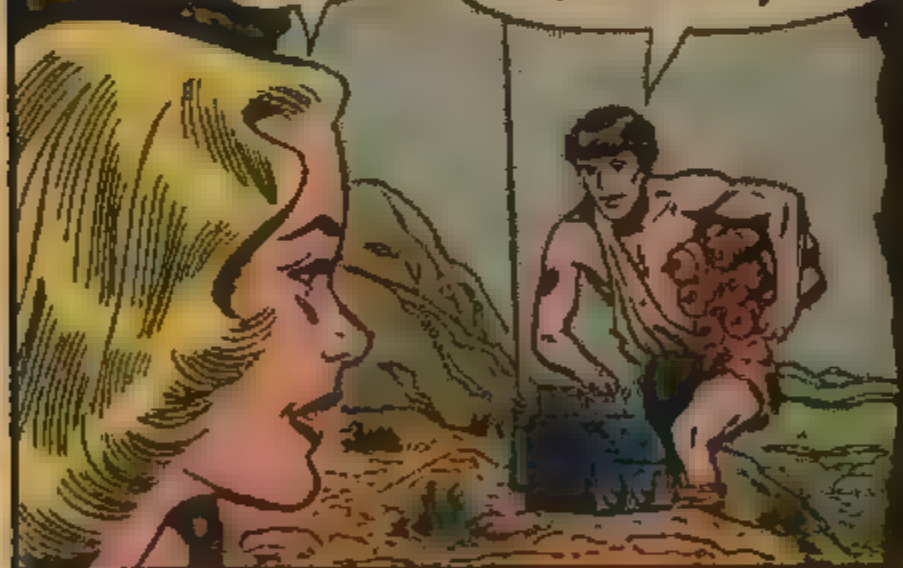
BEGINNING AT DAWN, WE CAN HUNT THEM LEGALLY, CAPTAIN!



MEANWHILE ... HIGH IN A MOUNTAIN CAVE ABOVE THE OUTPOST...

TRENT! YOU HAVE A RADIO!

YES--DR. JAIMS WILL BE HERE IN A MOMENT, ALIS! WE'LL SET IT UP!



WHAT ARE THOSE-- MARKED DANGER?

I DON'T KNOW...I TOOK THEM, HOPING THEY'D SERVE AS A WEAPON AGAINST THE GLUBBS!



BOLDLY, THE YOUNG MAN UNSCREWS THE CYLINDER'S NOZZLE ...

SNIFF! IT'S OXYGEN! JUST PURE OXYGEN!

OH! TOO BAD, TRENT-- BUT YOU DID TRY!



AS THE ELDERLY LEADER OF THE TINY CLUSTER OF EARTHLINGS ARRIVES IN THE CAVE...

...HUMAN HUNT OFFICIALLY OPENS TOMORROW!

WE'RE NOT SAFE HERE! WE'LL HAVE TO FLEE--DEEPER INTO THE MOUNTAINS!





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WHY MUST WE ALWAYS RUN AWAY, DR. JAIMS? LET'S STAND AND FIGHT THIS TIME!

MY BOY, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

GLEBES CAN'T BE HARMED! OUR ANCESTORS TRIED BULLETS--RADIATION, ATOM BOMBS--EVERYTHING FAILED! GLEBES AREN'T MADE THE WAY WE ARE...

YOU MEAN GLEBE--LIFE IS DIFFERENT--CHEMICALLY?

YES, THE BASIS OF OUR LIFE IS CARBON--IN GLEBES IT IS METAL! THEY ARE INVULNERABLE--ALMOST IMMORTAL!

METAL? I WONDER--?

AT THAT MOMENT... OUTSIDE THE CAVE...

WE'VE FOUND THEIR LAIR, CAPTAIN! LOOK AT THE TRACKS!

STAND BY! I'LL FLUSH THEM OUT!

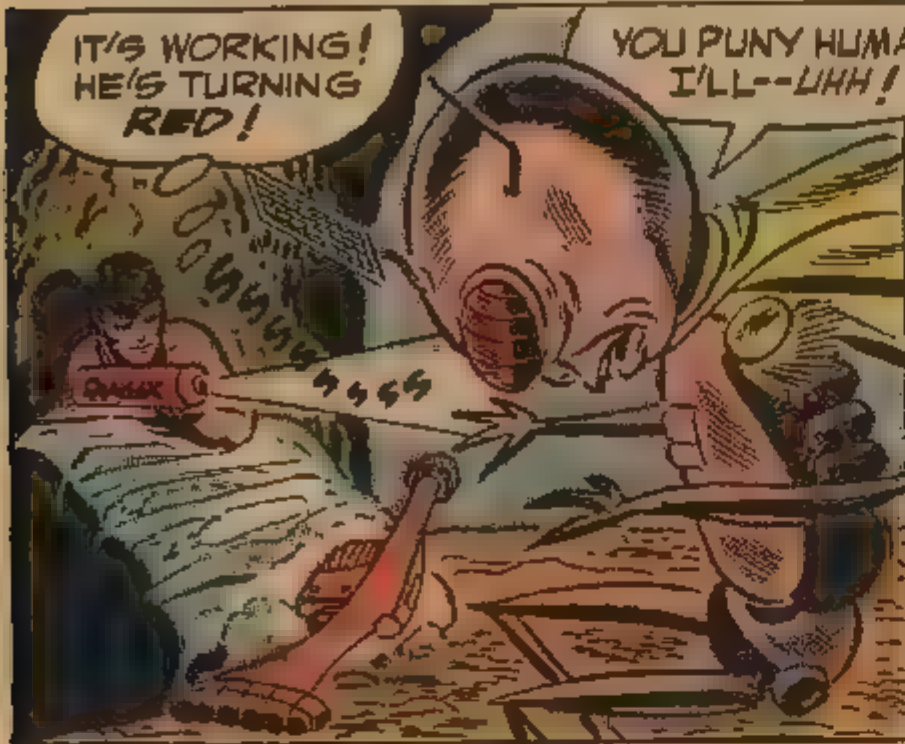
GLEBE SOLDIERS!

WE'RE OPENING THE HUNT A FEW HOURS EARLY! RUN, YOU HUMANS!

AS THE TERRIFIED BAND LUNGES FOR ANY AVAILABLE COVER...

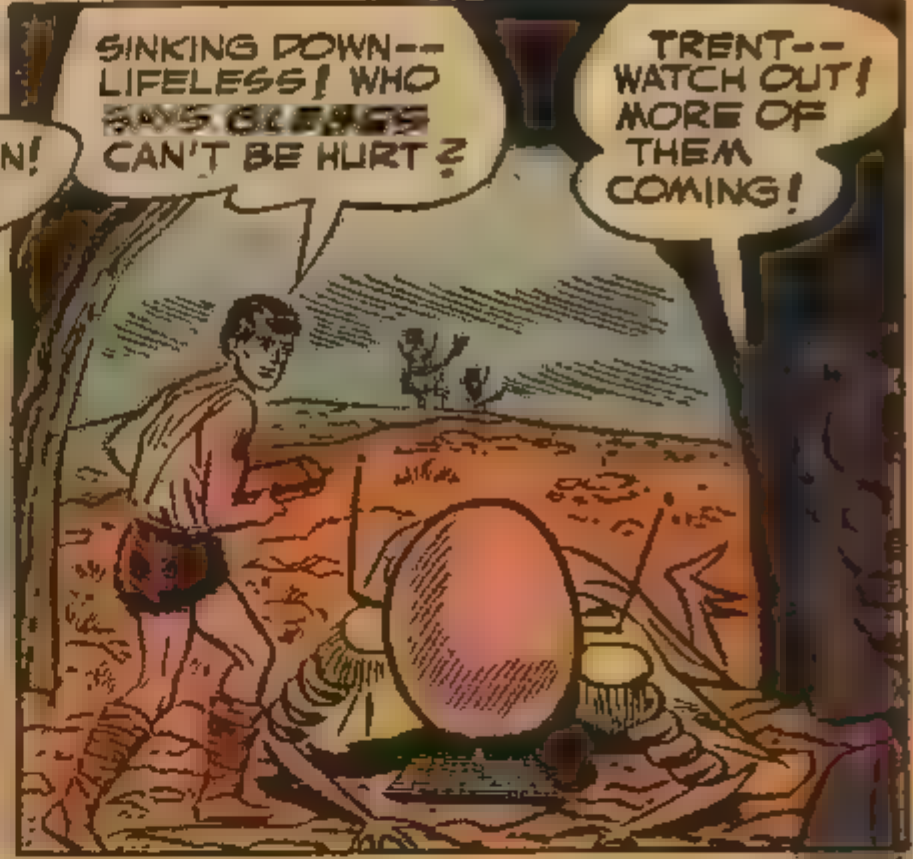
THESE CYLINDERS I STOLE... IF I'M RIGHT, IT'LL GIVE US A CHANCE AGAINST THE GLEBES--A FIGHTING CHANCE!

OPENING THE TINY NOZZLE, TRENT DIRECTS AN INVISIBLE JET AT HIS ATTACKER...



IT'S WORKING!
HE'S TURNING
RED!

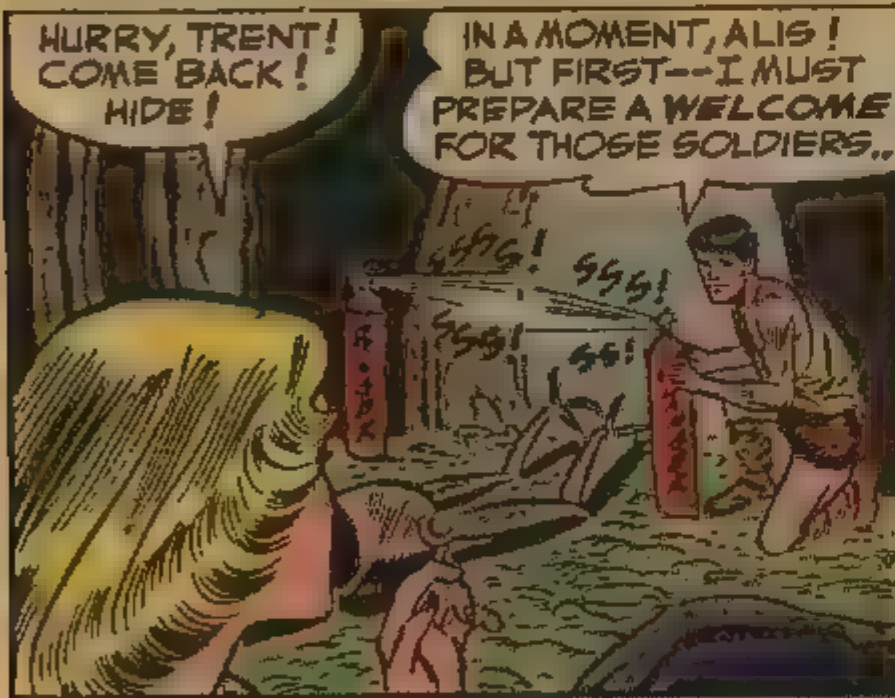
YOU PUNY HUMAN!
I'LL--UHH!



SINKING DOWN--
LIFELESS! WHO
SAYS GLEEBES
CAN'T BE HURT?

TRENT--
WATCH OUT!
MORE OF
THEM
COMING!

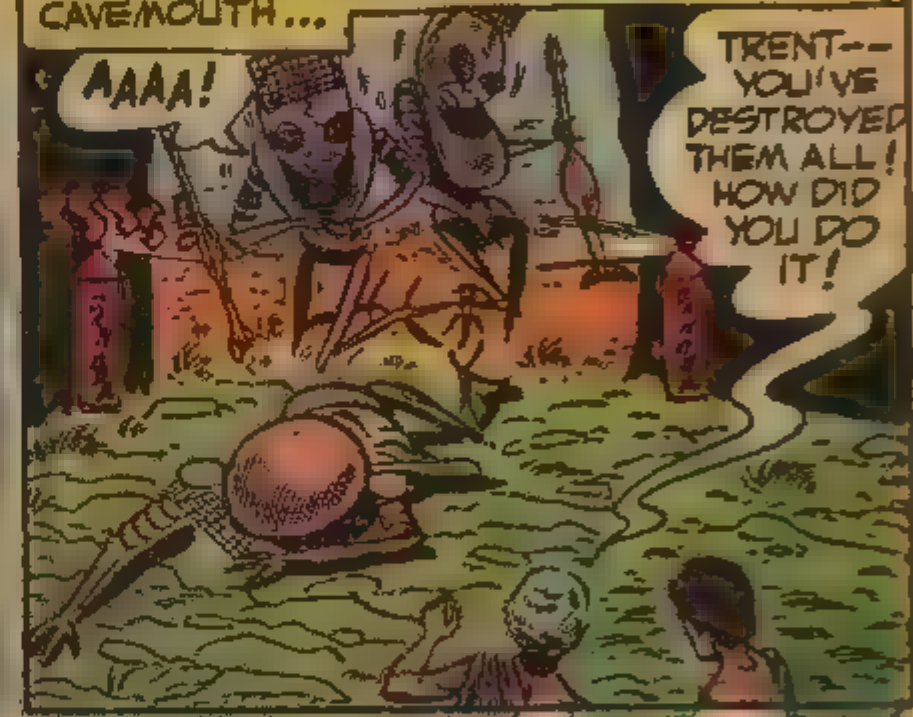
WITH DESPERATE SPEED, THE YOUNG HUMAN SETS A TRAP FOR HIS ON RUSHING FOES...



HURRY, TRENT!
COME BACK!
HIDE!

IN A MOMENT, ALIS!
BUT FIRST--I MUST
PREPARE A WELCOME
FOR THOSE SOLDIERS..

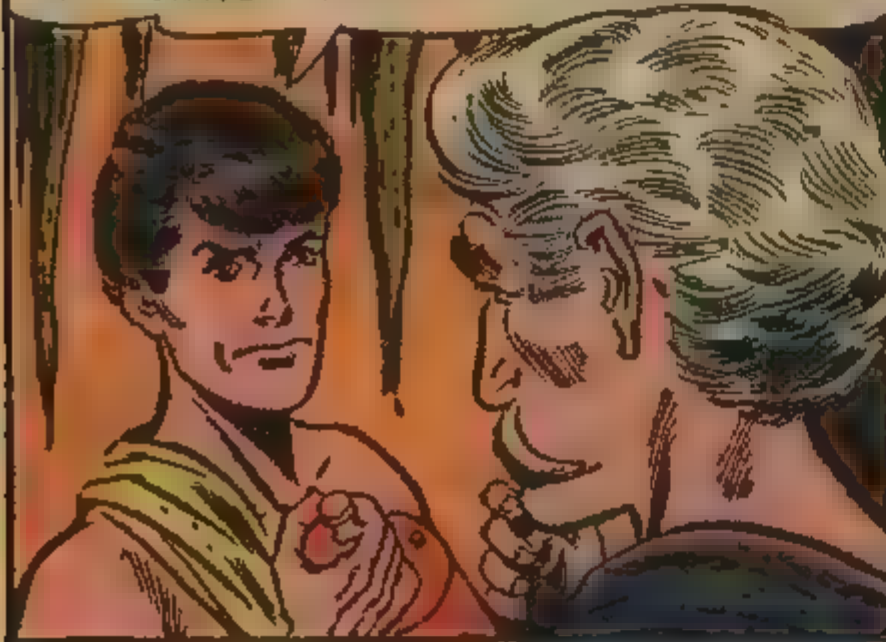
AS THE UNSUSPECTING GLEEBES CHARGE INTO THE OXYGEN-JET CROSSFIRE AT THE CAVE MOUTH...



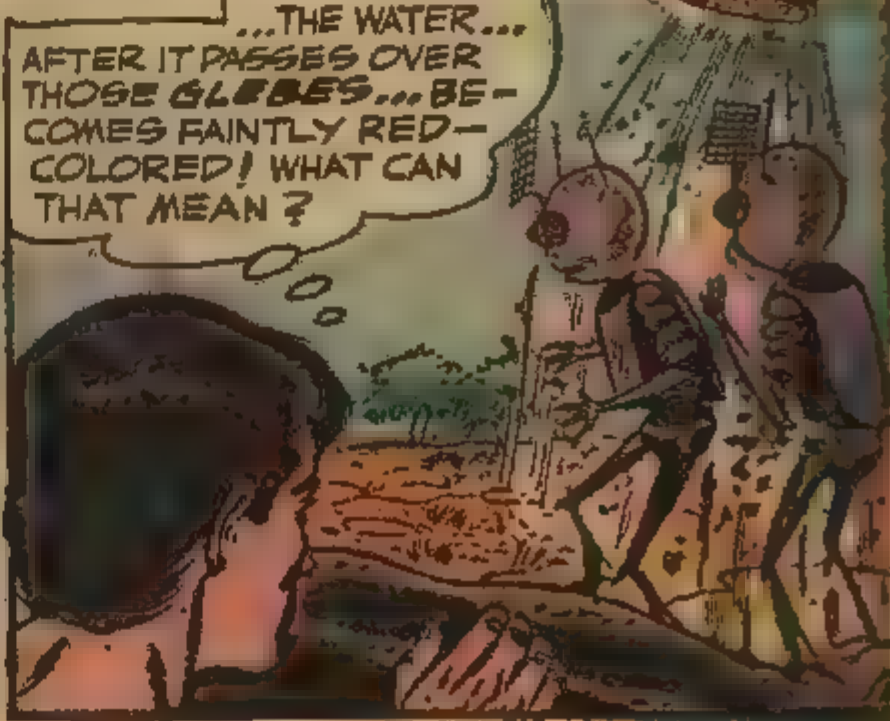
AAAA!

TRENT--
YOU'VE
DESTROYED
THEM ALL!
HOW DID
YOU DO
IT!

I GOT THE IDEA WHEN YOU SAID THEIR LIFE-BASIS WAS METAL, DR. JAIMS! METAL IS STRONG-- BUT IN MOST CASES IT RUSTS! I COMBINED THAT CLUE WITH SOMETHING I NOTICED THIS MORNING...



"DOWN AT THE POST, I WATCHED THE GLEEBE SOLDIERS BATHING--AS THEY DO EVERY DAY..."



...THE WATER...
AFTER IT PASSES OVER
THOSE GLEEBES... BE-
COMES FAINTLY RED-
COLORED! WHAT CAN
THAT MEAN?

SUDDENLY I REALIZED THE ANSWER--THE OXYGEN IN THE ATMOSPHERE! TOO SMALL A PERCENTAGE TO HURT THE GLEBES, BUT ENOUGH TO FORM A FINE FILM OF RUST ON THEM WHICH THEY MUST WASH OFF EVERY DAY!"

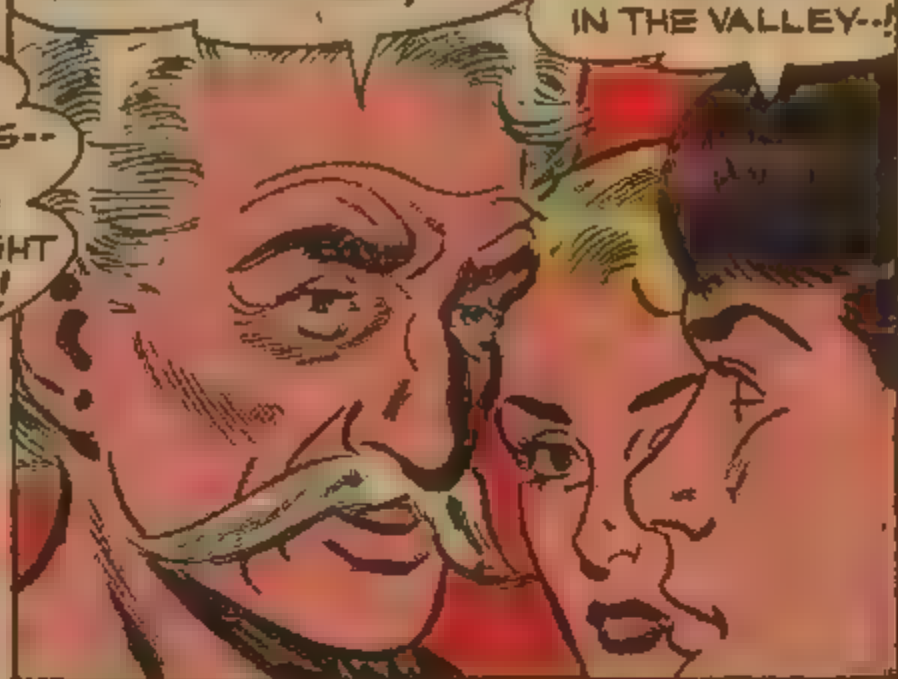
FINALLY--THESE CYLINDERS! WHY SHOULD THEY BE MARKED DANGER? THE REASON IS THAT CONCENTRATED OXYGEN IS DEADLY TO GLEBES!

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--WE HAVE A WEAPON WITH WHICH TO FIGHT THEM!



TRENT, WE MUST CONTACT OTHER HUMANS! THIS WILL RALLY THEM--GIVE THEM HOPE!

IF WE CAN SEIZE THE GLEBE RADIO TRANSMITTER DOWN IN THE VALLEY--!



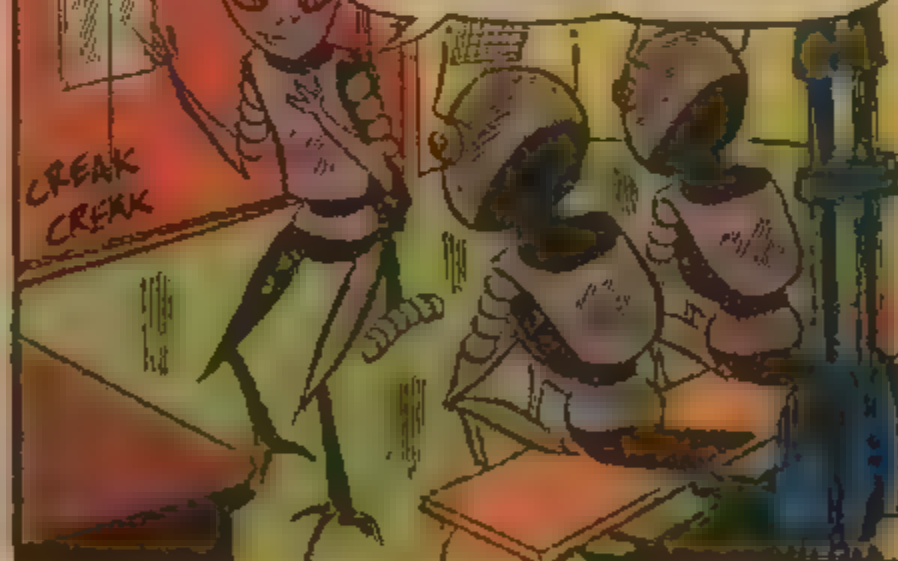
GRIMLY, SWIFTLY, THE TINY BAND GETS TO WORK...

BY ATTACHING OXY-CYLINDERS TO THESE GLEBE RIFLE STOCKS, WE'VE GOT WEAPONS WE CAN HANDLE!



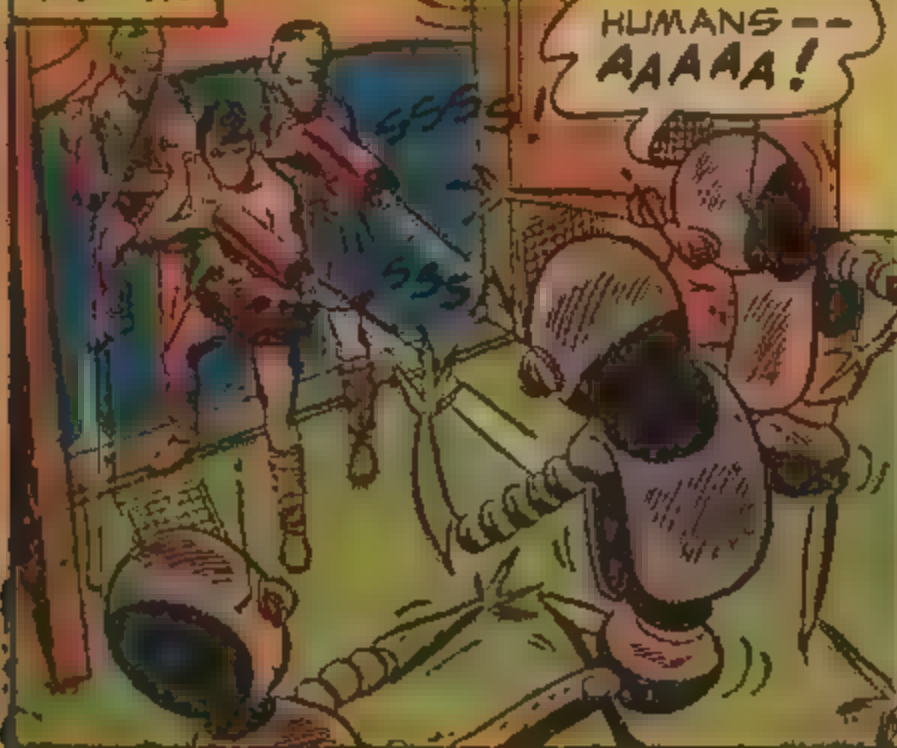
SOON AFTER... IN THE FORTRESS-LIKE GLEBE OUTPOST BELOW...

THAT MUST BE THE CAPTAIN AND THE OTHERS! THE HUMAN--HUNT MUST BE OVER!



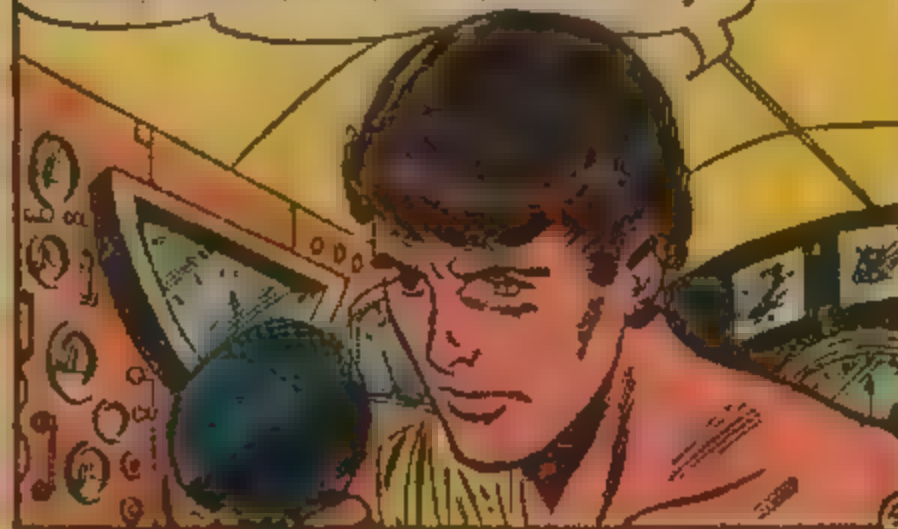
BUT AS THE HEAVY DOORS ARE THROWN WIDE...

HUMANS--AAAAA!



TWO FIERY MINUTES LATER... IN THE HEADQUARTERS MESSAGE CENTER...

HUMANS EVERYWHERE--LISTEN! THIS IS TRENT--IN GLEBE OUTPOST 17! WE WON CONTROL OF IT BY DESTROYING THE GLEBE GARRISON! JOIN US! COME HERE--AS FAST AS YOU CAN!



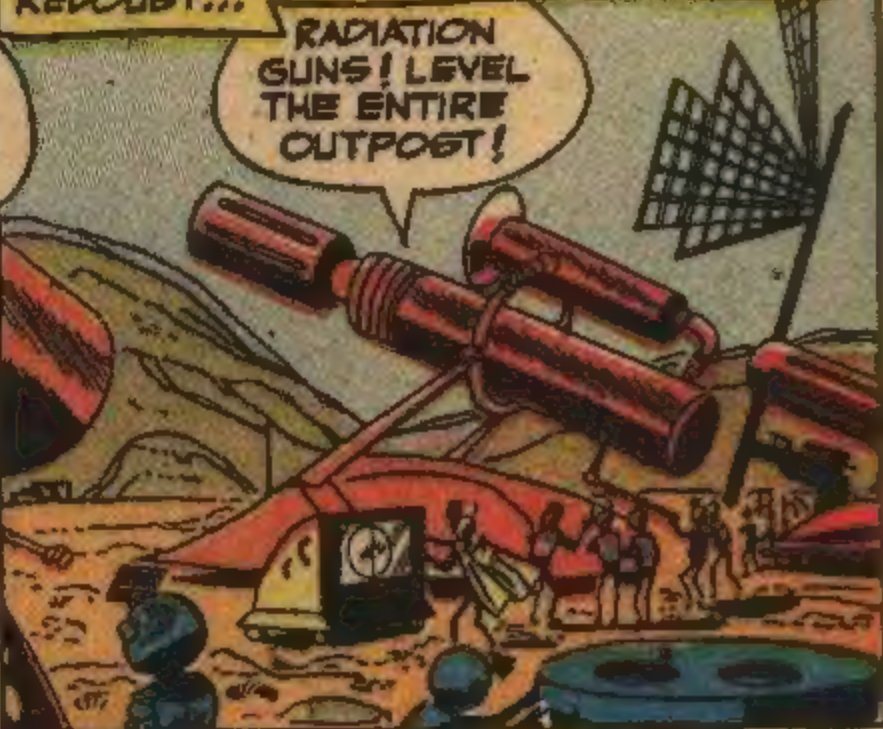
IN CAVES AND WILDERNESS HUTS, WHERE -
EVER HUMANS HAVE MANAGED TO SEIZE
OR BUILD A RADIO-RECEIVER...



OUTPOST 17! ON THE
ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO
LINE! JOIN US!

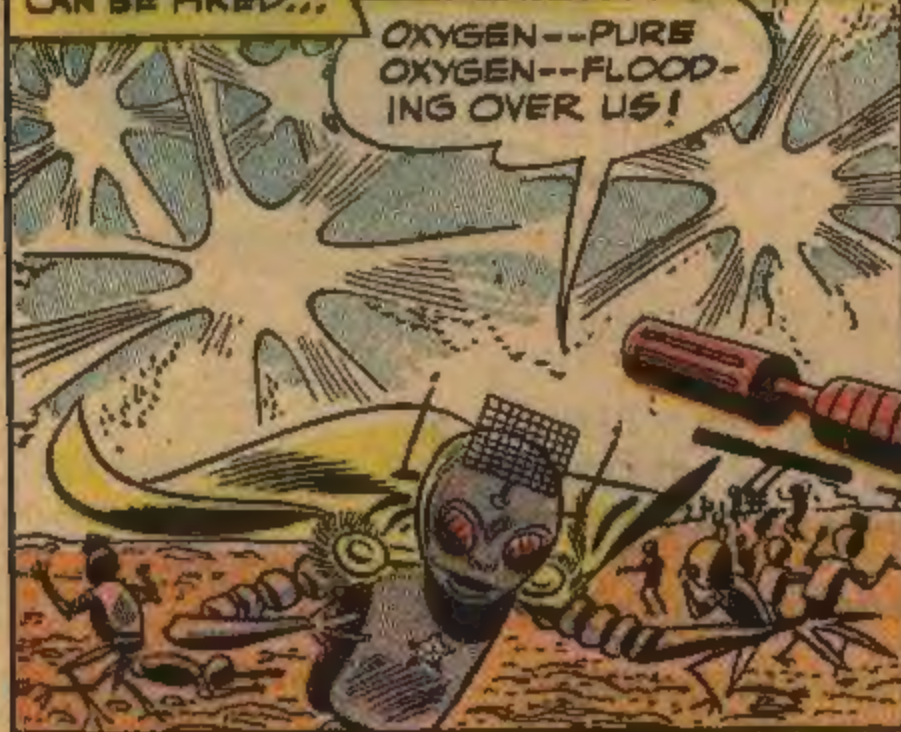
GATHER UP OUR
BELONGINGS!
WE'RE HEADING
FOR ARIZONA!

WITHIN 48 HOURS, A GREAT GLEEB ARMY
DESCENDS ON THE TINY HUMAN-HELD
REDOUBT...



RADIATION
GUNS! LEVEL
THE ENTIRE
OUTPOST!

BUT SUDDENLY--BEFORE THE LETHAL RAYS
CAN BE FIRED...



OXYGEN--PURE
OXYGEN--FLOOD-
ING OVER US!

BUILDING OXYGEN BOMBS TO BE
FIRED FROM THIS OUTPOST CANNON
WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS, TRENT!



WE'VE BEATEN
THEIR ARMY!
IT'S A ROUT!

THE GLEEBES WILL SEND
OTHER ARMIES--WE'LL
HAVE TO FIND WAYS OF
BEATING THEM, TOO--
AND WE WILL! WE'LL
GROW STRONGER WHILE
THEY GROW WEAKER...



--AND ONE OF THESE DAYS, EARTH
WILL BELONG TO US AGAIN--ALL
OF IT! THAT'S A SOLEMN PLEDGE,
ALIS!

I BELIEVE YOU,
TRENT! YOU'RE
WONDERFUL!



THE
END

DRAW ME!



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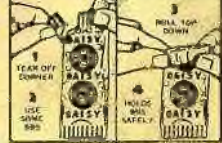
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